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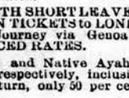

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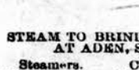

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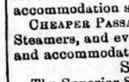

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GREEN & READ,
March 24, 1890.

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Bombay, 24th March, 1890.

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NOTICE is hereby given that a DIVIDEND at the rate of Rs. 40 per share for the year ended 31st December, 1889, will be paid at the Registered Office of the Company, on and after TUESDAY, the 8th April, 1890, to those shareholders whose names stood on the Register of the Company on 24th March, 1890, on production of their share certificates.

By order of the Board,
B. & A. HORMARJEE,
Secretaries, Treasurers and Agents.
Elphinstone Circle, 25th March, 1890.

BOMBAY MILLOWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

THE GENERAL MEETING of the members of the Bombay Millowners' Association, convened for Tuesday the 25th instant, at 4 p.m., is unavoidably POSTPONED to MONDAY, the 31st idem, at the same hour.

By order of the Committee,
JOHN MARSHALL,
SECRETARY.
Bombay, 24th March, 1890.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

NOTICE.

ILLUMINATIONS IN BOMBAY ON WEDNESDAY THE 26TH INSTANT.

THE public are hereby informed that for the convenience of Visitors to Bombay TO SEE the ILLUMINATIONS on the EVENING of WEDNESDAY next, the 26th instant ADDITIONAL TRAINS will RUN between DADAR and BYCULLA and BOMBAY, as may be necessary up to a late hour on that night.

HENRY CONDER,
General Traffic Manager.
Bombay, the Twenty-fourth of March, 1890.

VICTORIA GARDENS.

VISIT OF
H. R. H. PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR OF WALES.
FLOWER SHOW, HORSE AND CATTLE SHOW.
MARCH 26TH to 29TH.
ENTRANCE FREE TO THE MUSEUM AND OUTER GARDEN.

For admission to the inner Garden, including Flower Show and Horse Show enclosures the following fees will be charged except TO ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS:—

WEDNESDAY, March 26th.....One Rupee
THURSDAY, March 27th.....One Rupee
FRIDAY, March 28th.....Four Annas
SATURDAY, March 29th.....Two Annas
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For Attractions and Prizes, see detailed Programme.

Note.—For the convenience of Purdah Ladies between the hours of 9 A. M. and 2 P. M., on Friday only Ladies will be admitted.

VISIT OF H. R. H. PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR
TO THE
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Open daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.,
from Wednesday, 26th, to Saturday, 29th March, inclusive,

PROGRAMME.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26.
Judging of the Horses and Cattle, at 7 a.m.
Jumping and Driving Competition, at 4-30 p.m.
Grand Display of Plants and Flowers, Morning and Evening.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27.
Reception of H. R. H. Prince Albert Victor, 4-45 p.m.
Inspection of the Flower Show, 4-45 p.m.
Grand Parade of the Horses, 5-15 p.m.
Jumping and Driving Competition, 5-30 p.m.
Special Exhibit of Cut Flowers and Table Decorations.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28.
Private view for Purdah Ladies, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29.
Distribution of Prizes and Diplomas, 5 p.m.
Bands will be in attendance, in various parts of the Garden, during the afternoon, on all Four Days.
European Refreshments by F. PELLITI.
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HORSE AND CATTLE SHOW, VICTORIA GARDENS.

NOTICE.

ALL ANIMALS intended for EXHIBITION should be sent to the show TO-DAY (TUESDAY) as the JUDGING
COMMENCES TO-MORROW WEDNESDAY AT 7 a.m.

CARRIAGES and HORSES for COMPETITION are to be on the ground not later than four o'clock on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY EVENING (the 26th and 27th inst.)

The JUMPING and DRIVING COMPETITIONS will take place on Wednesday and Thursday at 5 p.m.

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THE Conversazione which is open to members only, (each of whom can admit two ladies), will be held at 5 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 26th March, 1890.
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FOURTH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT.

THE dates of the FOURTH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT of the Western India Volunteer Athletic Association
HAVE FURTHER BEEN ALTERED TO
TUESDAY the 25th and WEDNESDAY the 26th instant.

By order of the Executive Committee,
E. W. FERN,
Honorary Secretary, W. I. V. A. A.

NOTICE.

A DRAFTSMAN is REQUIRED for the Office of the Executive Engineer, Military Works, Poona and Kirkee.
2. Salary from Rs. 70 to 80, according to the qualifications.
3. Applications, accompanied by copies of testimonials, should be submitted to the undersigned by the 10th April, 1890.

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THIS DAY, TUESDAY, the 25th instant, at 1 p.m. precisely, Messrs. SORABJEE COWASJEE and Co. will sell by Public Auction in shop No.— in Military Square, the whole of the Stock in Trade of a Tailoring shop closing business, the same consisting of pieces of casimere, twill, flannel, checks, drill, socks, handkerchiefs, hats and bonnets, neckties, scarphs, shirts, towells &c., also one Wheeler and Wilson sewing machine, and whole of the shop furniture.
Terms cash on or before delivery.

As WEDNESDAY next, the 26th inst., is to be observed as a public holiday the undermentioned sale fixed for that day will be ADJOURNED, and will take place positively on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd April next.

SALE of two vacant pieces of land in very close proximity to the Mahim Station of the B. B. and C. I. Railway.

High Court Suit, No. 258 of 1887.
Pranjivandas Samuldas and others.....Plaintiffs,
vs.
Govind Ramjee.....Defendant.

Under instructions of the receiver in the above suit, and on account and at the risk of Govind Ramjee, the defendant and first purchaser, Messrs. SORABJEE COWASJEE and Co., will sell by Public Auction on the premises (if not previously disposed of by private contract) on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd April next, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, viz.—

All that vacant piece of land, situate on either side of, and in very close proximity to, the Mahim Station of the B. B. and C. I. Railway.
The piece of land, situate on the east of the station, admeasures 24,418 square yards or thereabouts, and is well adapted for a large mill. A portion of the land has been quarried upon, and this would serve the purpose of a tank, or, at any rate, facilitate the digging thereof.
The other piece, which is situate on the other side of the said station, admeasures 12,796 square yards or thereabouts, and, on account of its situation, is admirably situated for a chawl or range of buildings.
Both lots will be sold together or separately, as may be found convenient or advisable.
For further particulars apply to the receiver's attorneys, Messrs. Mansukhlal, Damodar and Jamsetjee, at their office, No. 31 Medows Street, or to the undersigned.
Dated this 19th day of February 1890.

FOR SALE.

Just unpacked a consignment of Austrian bentwood furniture, from the original maker by Thonet, such as bedroom and dining room chairs, rocking, revolving, nursing and easy chairs, teapoys and round Tables, &c, also
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CAPITAL—£2,000,000 STERLING.
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS, invested in best and safest Securities, now amount to
£5,672,040-17-8 STERLING.

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POLICIES covering risks on MERCHANDISE, BUILDINGS, SPINNING MILLS, COTTON AND JUTE PRESSES, HOUSES, BUNGALOWS, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, HOTELS, AND CLUBS, both in BOMBAY and in the MOFUSSIL, granted on most favourable terms. GOODS on the BUNDERS and KEROSINE OIL also covered.

Fire Premiums for 1823	£220,000
1825	£260,156
1886	£935,000

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NATIVE LIVES ASSURED AT EUROPEAN RATES
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POLICIES granted by the UNDERSIGNED without reference to Head Office on APPROVED lives. MILITARY and CIVIL employ have extra premium returned.
ENDOWMENT ASSURANCES, payable at fixed periods for ADULTS, and Children on very favourable terms.
LAST REVERSIONARY BONUS 7½ per cent.
REDUCTION TO EUROPEAN rates, when assured lives either Alexandria or Port Said.
Accumulated LIFE FUNDS now amount to £3,257,609

GROWTHS OF FUNDS.

1871	£2,196,972	1881	£4,673,320 5 1
1876	£3,192,950 1 4	1886	£5,672,040 17 8

THOS. H. MOORE & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.
Hummum-street.

EXAMPLES OF THE COST
OF ASSURANCE TO A MAN AGED 30 NEXT BIRTHDAY.

Rs. 10,000 payable at death would cost at the rate of—

Rs. 26-13-4 per mensem (a) If premiums are payable for whole of life; or
Rs. 35-1-4 " (b) If premiums are limited to 20 years; or
Rs. 41-8-0 " (c) If premiums are limited to 15 years; or
Rs. 45-13-4 " (d) If the Sum Assured is made payable at age 50, or at death if previous.

AFTER being three years in force, each year's payment of premium under *b c d* secures a proportionate part of Sum Assured as explained in Prospectus. For instance, after five years a man Assured under plan *b* would be entitled to a *Free* Paid-up Policy for 5/20ths of Sum Assured, *viz.*, Rs. 2,500, should he wish to discontinue future payments.

THE same provisions if commenced at age 40 n. b. would cost respectively (a) Rs. 34-9-4, (b) Rs. 41-14-8, (c) Rs. 48-5-4, (d) Rs. 91-2-8 per mensem.

GEORGE OLIVER,
Secretary, STANDARD Life Office.

N.B.—The Standard Company's Indian Rates have been recently reduced.

ORIENTAL LIFE OFFICE

PUBLIC ATTENTION is specially invited to the following NEW and MOST ADVANTAGEOUS METHOD of ASSURANCE under the

TREBLE BENEFIT
ENDOWMENT POLICIES

NOW issued by this Company, which provides for a Payment to the Assured himself on attaining a specified age; or he can purchase a Pension, if he so desires, for the rest of life; or the Sum Assured is payable to his Representative at the previous death of the Assured, thus comprising in one contract the TREBLE BENEFIT of an Endowment, a Pension payable during life, or as a Family Provision payable at Death.

ENQUIRY-FORM
AS TO THE COST OF
A Sum to be received at a specified age
(or at Death, if previous),
with the ALTERNATIVE of
A Pension for Life after that age.

The undersigned having been Born on the Day of _____ 18__
what would be the Annual Payment to secure Rs. _____ to be Paid when he is aged 50,* or at his death, if sooner?
Also, what Yearly Pension for the rest of Life may be obtained at the latter age, if then desired, in exchange for the above sum?
Name _____
Address _____
Occupation _____
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Full Particulars on Application, and Forms of Proposal for effecting Assurances may be had from—

D. McLAUCHLAN SLATER, F.I.A.,
Manager and Actuary,
Albert Building, Bombay,
or any of the Agents of the Company.

* This may be altered to 40, 45, 55, or 60.

FIRE INSURANCE.

	Exclusive Reserve Fund.
The NORTHERN ASSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	„ 3,000,000
The TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE Co., (exclusive re-insurances) CAPITAL	M6,000,000
The HAMBURG-BREMEN FIRE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	„ 6,000,000
The NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	„ 7,500,000
The LUBECK FIRE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	„ 3,000,000
The FIRE INSURANCE Co. of 1877, CAPITAL	„ 2,600,000
The BATAVIA FIRE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	fl 3,000,000
The SAMARANG FIRE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	„ 2,000,000
FIRE INSURANCE Co., "NSULINDE," CAPITAL	1,000,000

MARINE INSURANCE.

The GENERAL MARINE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	£ 3,000,000
The BATAVIA MARINE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	fl 3,000,000
The SAMARANG MARINE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	„ 2,000,000
The BADEN MARINE INSURANCE Co., CAPITAL	M6,000,000
The NEW SWISS LLOYD TRANSPORT INSURANCE CO.	

THE FIRE and MARINE INSURANCE in the above Companies apply to the UNDERSIGNED who can offer ALL FACILITIES and MOST FAVOURABLE TERMS. ALL CLAIMS PROMPTLY SETTLED IN BOMBAY. Rates and other particulars can be obtained on application.
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BANKS.

...	Shares.	Amount.	Paid-up	Last Half-Yearly. Divd.	Cash Rate.
		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.
Bank of Bombay	20,000	500	500	4 pr. ct.	917½
Bank of Bengal	40,000	500	all	5 pr. ct.	980
Bank of Madras	10, 00	100	all	5 pr. ct.	930
EXCHANGE BANKS.					
Agra	100,000	£10	all	5 pr. ct.	125
Chartar Bank..	40,000	£20	£20	7 pr. ct.	£25
Chartr. Mercantile	30,000	£25	£25	5 pr. ct.	380
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	60,000	£125	all	17½ pr.ct.	..
National Bank of India	37,320	£25	£12½	5 pr. ct.	180
New Oriental Bank	50,000	£10	all	6 pr. ct	170

PRESS COMPANIES.

				Yearly.	
Akbar	200	1,250	1,250	75	1,125
Albert Ginning Co	100	500	all	18 pr. ct.	450
Albert (Kurrachee)	200	1,100	1,100	60	700x
Apollo	750	2,400	2,200	Nil.	240
Bellary	167	1,000	1,000	Nil.	410
Bombay Cotton Brcul's Cawnpore Press Co, Ld	1,100	125	125	20	140
Colaba	500	200	200	16	9
East India	500	1,880	1,880	55	330
English Press and Manfg. Co. Ld	350	1,000	1,000	130	1,230
Fort	400	250	..	..	195
French	150	8,500	8,500	150	1,100
Harvey and Sabapathy	300	500	all	50	520
Khanigaum	450	450	500	60	460
Mahamadpura Cotton G. and P. Co. Ld.	210	450	450	45	405
Mercantile	1,000	500	500	pr. ct.	500
Mofussil Co	1,000	125	125	10	60
Munmar M.....	3,125	400	400	50	432
New Beimr	1,000	250	all	25	177½
New Indian	3,300	100	500	45	515
Prince of Wales	4,000	125	125	11	35
abapathy (Bellary)	600	500	600	40	325
Samoon	500	500	50	60	500
Sind and Panjab Co	300	500	500	25	500
Sind	100	1,000	1,000	25	1,150
Volkart.....	400	2,000	750	50	480
	..	1,000	all	60	570

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock Ashdown	1,000 / 750	200 / 150	200 / 150	10 p.ct	200 / 150
Bedham Pile & Co., Ld	4,000	100	100	Rs. 14	140
Bapty Co., Ld..	625	00	185	Nil	45
Bombay Land and Building Co., Ld				6 p.c.	60
Bombay Flour Mill Co	750	500	500	10 p.c.	700
Bombay Ice Co. Ld	1,250	100	100	Rs. 5	79
Bombay & Burmah Trading Corporation..	1,000	2,500	180	Rs.	3,075
Do (3rd Issue)	2,000	62	45	Rs.	770
Municipal Bonds	...	...	...	p.c	106
Clydesdale Dyeing Co ..	1,000	500		...	..
Cooper madon Ld	3,000	100	100	Rs	5
Deccan Paper Mills	1,000	500	500	Nil	40 nil
Delhi and Northern India Flour	1,500	200	200	...	170
Geyer & Co. Ld.	500	100	40	...	40
Indian Guaranteed Suretyship As	5,000	100	10	10 p.c.	11
Kaiser-i-Hind Gold Mining Co., Ld	42,000	25	25		4½
Kurrachee Lighterage ..	500	256	250	...	75
Kemp & Co. Ld	4,000	200	175	Rs. 28	363
Marcks & Co., Ld.	4,000	00	100	Rs. 10	70
Napier Hotel Co	300	100	100	13 p.c.	70
Do Foundry	500	100	100	...	60
Oriental Govt. Security Life As	5,000	200	50	10 p.c.	200
Oriental Loan Asso	5,000	20	20	8 p.s.	20
Port Canning Co	6,000	000	1,000	Rs. 20	360
Royal Flour Mills	2,500	100	100	5	57
Phillips & Co., Ld.	4,000	100	100	Rs.	99
Soundy & Co., Ld.	1,000	100	...	9 p.c.	100
Southwell and Austin	1,000	...	95	...	80
Telephone and Co., Ld.....	19,000	25	500	Rs. 5-8	11½
Treacher and Co., Ld.....	1,305	500	100	Rs. 85	1,210
Thacker & Co., Ld	1,500	100		Rs. 10	130
Western India Flour ..	000	1	125	Nil.	35
T M Mody & Co Bhownuggger					80
City P. & M. Co., Ld	550	250	250	Rs. 15	230

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

				Last half-yearly.	
Ahmedabad ...	600	1,000	1,000	90	1,300
Alfred Manufacture.....	1,000	500	500	15	100
Alliance ..	1,500	1,000	all	20	410
Albert Edward Mills	1,000	500	500	20	175
Anglo-Indian	9,345	100	100	2	55
Bellary S & W Co. Ld (Bellary)	871	500	all	25	500
Bombay United	900	1,000	1,000	25	625
Bombay Cotton Manfg. Co ..	600	500	500	25	390
Central India.	3,750	500	500	45	800
City of Bombay Mills ...	600	1,000	1,000	40	810xd
Connaught Mills	600	500	500	15	510
Colaba Land & Mill.....	4,000	700	700	10	575
Coorla Mills ...	800	1,000	1,000	Nil.	440
David Mill	1,000	500	500	15	425
Dhun Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	50	900
Empress	2,100	500	all	15	465xd
Framjee Petit.	1,250	1,000	1,000	25	420
Gordon Mills ...	2,000	1,000	1,000	20	115
Hindustan	875	1,000	1,000	40	665xd
Hingunghat Mill	700	500	500	40	750
Howard and Bulloughs ..	1,500	500	500	15	460
Hyderabad	700	1,000	1,000	30	715
Imperial Cotton	900	500	500	25	350
Indian Manfg..	600	1,000	1,000	50	830
James Greaves.	1,100	500	500	15	510
Jaffer Alli	600	500	500	Nil.	350
Jamshed Manufacturing Co.	1,000	250	250	7½	222½
Jowraz Baloo.	1,000	1,000	1,000	45	790
Khandeish ..	750	1,000	1,000	3	560
Khangaum Manfg. Co....	400	250	250	Nil.	200 nom
Khatao Mackunjee	1,000	1,000	1,000	40	520
Leopold	3,500	100	100	5	140xd
Lukmidas Spinning & Weaving Co	1,000	1,000	1,000	50	635
Madras United.	300	1,000	1,000	100	1,850
Mahaluxmee ..	6.0	1,000	1,000	25	400
Mahboob Shahi Mills 'Gulburga)	2,400	500	500	9 pr. ct.	500 nom
Manockjee Petit	4,000	1,000	all	50	1,015
Mazagon	5,000	250	250	5	87½
Morarji Gouldas	1,050	1,000	1,000	5	1,565
Maharaj Mysore & M Co	4,500	100	100	7 pr. ct.	105
National	500	1,000	1,000	Nil.	250
New Great eastern.....	1,400	1,000	1,000	25	535
Oriental.....	5,725	625	625	10	312½
People of India.	1,000	250	250	Nil.	60
Presidency Mills Co (Ld.)	743	1,000	1,000	50	900
Prince of Wales	1,250	600	1,350	Nil.	5 nom.
Sassoon	1,500	1,000	1,000	25	1,590
Sholapore Mills.	500	1,000	1,000	60	1,280
Soonderdas ..	750	1,000	1,000	30	350
Southern India.	1,000	500	500	15	130
Southern Mahratta	1,212	250	250	12½	275
Sun Mills, Ld..	1,300	250	250	Nil.	265
Star of India ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	40	525
Syadesh Mills...	3.0.0	500	500	Nil.	255
Victoria Mills...	550	1,000	1,000	25	350
Western India.	1,200	1,000	1,000	25	375
Queen Mills....	800	1,000	1,000	50	675
Ripon Mills.....	600	1,000	1,000	50	920xd

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

G I. P. R. Gt 5 per ct	...	£10	All	at 5 p.c	2,55)
B. B. & C. I. R. Guaranted 5 per cent.....	...	£ 18	...	at 5 p.c	42)

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY.

BOMBAY, 23rd March 1890.

Means of observations at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 deg. Fah.....	29·775
Temperature of the Air	80·8
Wet Bulb Thermometer.....	74·0
Dew Point	71·2
Relative humidity of Air	734
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded=10)	0 6
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m. next day)	87·0
Minimum oc. do. (read at 8 a.m.)	75·3
General Directions of Wind *a*	NNW. N. NNE. NW. NNW.
Movement of wind in 24 hours *a*	412

a From midnight to midnight.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Western India Volunteer Association Tournament.
Prince Albert Victor opens Sir D. M. Petit's Leper's Home, Trombay.
Columbia Skating Rink, 5 to 7-30 and 8-30 to 11 p.m.

VESSELS ARRIVED.—The following vessels arrived yesterday :—Kirby Hall (s), from Cardiff ; Clan Graham (s), Liverpool ; Thames (s), London ; and I. M. S. Canning, Karachi.

VESSELS SAILED.—The following vessels sailed yesterday :—I. M. S. Lawrence, and Purulia (s), for Persian Gulf ; and Hindoo (s), Cutch Mandvi, &c.

A NEW CIRCULATING LIBRARY.—A new Circulating Library is established from the first day of the Hindoo New Year, bearing the name of Prince Albert Victor of Wales. The special feature of this library is that it is open to ladies. The institution is to be called the Victor Ladies and Gentlemen's Circulating Library.

A VIOLENT ASSAULT.—Inspector Wilson yesterday, placed three men, named Shaik Mahomed Rajoodeen, Manoo Mahomed, and Akbar Ahmed, before Mr. Richardson, charged with having behaved in a disorderly manner in a public place, on Sunday, at 4 o'clock. On that day, the accused had met a man named Kaji Mahomed, at Dhobi Talao, and had demanded money from him. Upon being refused, they had most violently assaulted him. They were convicted, and sentenced to undergo eight days' rigorous imprisonment each.

ASSAULT WITH A RAZOR.—At the Girgaum Police Court yesterday, Inspector Cobb brought up on remand and charged a man, named Syboo Sayana, before Mr. P. Ryan, with voluntarily causing hurt to Mulloo Nursoo, on the 13th instant, with a razor. The circumstances of this case are briefly these :—It appears on the date in question about 4 o'clock in the afternoon Mulloo Nursoo was seated on the verandah of a house, opposite to his own in Cammateepoora 6th Street, when Syboo Sayana came up to him under the influence of liquor, and slapped Mulloo on the face, pushed him, and knocked him down. Mulloo immediately after seized Syboo, but Syboo managed to release himself. A crowd of people collected at the time, amongst whom was a barber boy. Syboo ran up to the boy and forcibly took his shaving case from him, removed a razor from the case, and went up with the razor to Mulloo, and attempted to strike him with the razor, when Mulloo put up his hand to defend himself, and two of Mulloo's fingers got severely cut. Syboo was subsequently arrested and handed over to the police, and Mulloo was taken to the J. J. Hospital, where his wounds were attended to. Syboo Sayana was convicted, and on admitting ten previous convictions he was sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment.

ANNUAL GATHERING OF GOUD SARUSVUT BRAHMINS.

On Friday, the 21st instant, the annual ceremony was performed in connection with the "Arya Brahmin Sausad," the society, which was established the previous Hindu New Year's day by some of the prominent members of the Goud Saruavut Brahmins for giving instruction in Vedic and Sanscrit lore. Guests to the number of 100 assembled, among whom the following were present :—Messrs. Wiswanath Dhondba Dewadker, Juggonath Venaek Mhadolker, Bal Bapoo Bhandary, Wiswanath Ram Pai, Duttaram Damodhur Palundeeker, Mungeshrao Vittul Naroshker, Narayenrao Soobrao Camut, Venaek Mangesh Doomashker, Bulwuntrao Succaram Naique, Bapu Wiswanath Telung, Gunputrao Vishram Desai, Wamanrao Roghunath Natkuvney, Ankosh Ramchundra Godaker, Balaji Wishwanath Dewadker, Ramrow Gowroba Bhenday, Ramchund Sudasew Tilway, Dwarkanath Balchrishna Redker, Annunt Wismanker. The ceremony was commenced with a recitation of the Vedic Mantra by the students attending the Vedic School opened by the Society, on the last Dusra day in Shri Venktesh's temple, near Bhooleshwar, offering prayers to the Almighty, invoking his blessings for the future prosperity of the institution and the promoters thereof. After the prayers were over, the essays written by the students were read, as also the annual report of the society, when the reading of the report by the assistant secretary, Pundit Ballaji Vittul Gavaeker, was read. Wamanrao Ramchundra Kerker, B. A., and Nagesh Wishwanath Pai, B.A., who had kindly consented to act as examiners of the essays read and to conduct the examination as to the progress made by the students generally, announced the result of their scrutiny, arranging the names of the boys, according to their merits, who were awarded prizes in books, presented by Mr. Gunesh Casinath Hurdurumker. Students Magushram Narayen Daji Lad and Datatrai Pundlic Pai headed the list. The pupils of the Vedic School were presented with clothes by Messrs. Jugonathrao Shunkar Bhenday and Atmaram Bapu Dulvie. The teachers' labours were also duly appreciated by a reward of clothes by Mr. Venkatrow Ramchundra Gavasker, the secretary. After the distribution of prizes and clothes, &c., speeches suited to the occasion were made by Wamanrao Ramchundra Kerkar, B.A., and Messrs. Vishnu Bhickaji Camut, Bhasker Govind Raghay, Atmaram Bapu Dulvie, and the president, Babu Ramchundra Parub. The festive proceedings were concluded by the distribution of sweets, nosegays, attar, goolab, and pan-soopari to the assembly, and *duxina* to the priests, among whom was the celebrated Pundit Gunesham Mishra, the Shastry to the Swamy Shrivut Atmaram Surusvaty of Kuvulia Mutt, in Goa. The expenses of the auspicious occasion were defrayed by Messrs. Wiswanath Dhondba Devadker and Babu Ramchundra Parub.

ARRIVAL OF THE I. M. S. CANNING.

THE Indian Marine steamer Canning, Captain Creagh, arrived in harbour yesterday from Karachi, which port she left on the 21st instant. She brought the 22nd Bombay Infantry and details, consisting of the following passengers and troops :—Major and Mrs. W. A. Wetherall and two children, Surgeon P. J. Damania, Captain A. Smith, Lieut. G. W. C. Snatchbull, Lieut. F. C. L. Waller and Lieut. H. H. Nurse, 22nd Bombay Infantry, 15 native officers, 679 men, 28 public and 36 private followers, and 8 horses ; and details consisting of Lieut. Cartwright, 6th Bombay Cavalry ; Lieut. Kirk, Royal Lancashire Regiment ; 3 private followers. 6 European and 3 native details, 20 public followers. 4 women, 13 children, and 53 commissiariat mules. She experienced fine weather throughout the voyage.

H. R. H. PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR'S RECEPTION FUND.

THE following sums have been paid into the Bank of Bombay to the credit of the above fund :—

	Rs. a.
The Bombay Government.....	10,000 0
M. H. Hakim, Esq. (Karachi)	100 0
Messrs. Jefferson, Bhaishunker, and Dinshaw	50 0
Rs ...	10,150 0
Amount previously acknowledged.....	21,500 13
Total Rs...	31,650 13
Amount promised, but not yet paid into the Bank.....	135 0
Grand Total Rs...	31,785 13

March 24.

BANK OF BOMBAY.

THE following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bombay for the week ending 22nd March, as compared with the statement of the 15th March, 1890 :

LIABILITIES.	March 15. Rs.	March 22 Rs.
Proprietors' Capital.....	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000
Reserve Fund invested in Govt. and other authorized Securities..	30 01,000	30,00,000
Public Deposits at Head Office...	52,26 938	63,29,019
Do. do. at Branches.....	64,16,720	64,27,3.4
Other Deposits	2,73,91,242	2,49,77,187
Post Bills	7,532	7,293
Cash Credits, undrawn.....	1,89,151	1,72,722
Rs.	5,24,61,683	5,09,13,605
ASSETS.		
Govt. & other authorized Securities	50,01,927	50,58,229
Cash Credits on Security of Govt. Paper, Bullion and Merchandise	26,49,699	25,74,746
Loans do. do.....	1,51,87,809	1,72,60,853
Current Accounts overdrawn	1,396	1,602
Bills Discounted and purchased ..	1,87,30,130	1,81,76,633
Stamps, &c..... Rs. 6,53,795	27,237	27,231
Dead Stock.....		
Amt. applied in reduction..2,85,000	3,68,795	3,68,795
Bullion	....	....
Cash Balances with Correspondents	1,62,260	87,191
Cash and Currency Notes	1,01,32,430	73,58,319
Rs.	5,22,61,683	5,09,13,605

A POLICE OFFICER CHARGED WITH ASSAU...T.

AT the Esplanade Police Court yesterday, the case of assault, Narrandas Pranjeevundas *vs.* Constable Unkles was re-called for further hearing before Mr. Richardson. Mr. D'Souza appeared for the prosecution, and the accused in person.

Mr. Sorabjee Shapoorjee Bengalee said :—He was a Companian of the Indian Empire, and an ex-member of Bombay Legislative Council. Complainant was a man of very respectable parentage. He had known him and his family for a considerable time.

Mr. Baba Luxumon, said : He was chief interpreter to the Police Courts ; had known complainant for the past six years. He was a neighbour of his. He behaved himself very gentlemanly since he had known him. Witness could swear, that complainant would not disobey an order of the Commissioner of Police or any other Police Officer. He was not present when an order was given by the police to him. Witness could say so from complainant's good breeding and the good education he received.

Nusserwanje Pestonjee said : He was a livery stable-keeper. On the evening of the 6th instant, he was at the Parade-ground, outside the railings, near the entrance where the Europeans, Aga Khan's son, and others were. He did notice a board there, but he saw Narrandas there, Constable Unkles went and talked to Narrandas. He did not know what Constable Unkles told him. Constable Unkles then lifted Narrandas and turned him over the railings. Narrandas had hold of the railing, all the time, but he did not fall, although in lifting him over his pugree and cap fell off his head. Witness could not tell whether Narrandas got excited at the time, when he was told to leave the enclosure.

Cross-examined by Constable Unkles.—Witness said : He was standing outside the entrance, a distance of about the length of the Court table. Constable Unkles was talking to Narrandas about four minutes. Unkles was standing about thirty paces from the Main Road, with his back towards it. There was no entrance to the enclosure, as it was roped all round. Narrandas went six feet on [one side, when Unkles went to Narrandas, and held him by the coat. Narrandas did not fall on the ground or on the railings. He was forcibly put out from there. There were one or two Portuguese boys there, who were put out by Constable Unkles. As they came in they were turned out. There were one or two Soortee men as servants, with European children in the enclosure.

Re-examined by Mr. D'Souza.—There were Europeans, Eurasians, Aga Khan's younger sons, also Portuguese boys. There were two enclosures. Witness was standing outside the enclosure on the railing side. Unkles was standing in the centre of the enclosure. There was no crowd between witness and Unkles, but there were people going up and down. Narrandas was making towards the rope fencing, and not towards the railing.

Constable Unkles here made a statement to the Magistrate, to the effect, that he did not use more force than was necessary to put the complainant out of the enclosure, as he persisted in not leaving the enclosure until he saw a written order to show that he was not allowed within that enclosure, which was reserved for Europeans. The defendant's witness who were policemen on duty for the day were not present to proceed further with the case, and as the defendant had brought a counter-charge against the complainant Narrondas, with refusing to obey the lawful order of the Commissioner of Police, on the same date as the charge of assault is alleged to have been committed. The Magistrate adjourned the further hearing of the two cases till Monday next, at 3 p.m.

A NEW CUTCHRA DESTRUCTOR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—We observe in your paper of the 17th January a re- print from a Bradford paper, respecting the alterations which have recently taken place in their destructors in which it states that "The first improvement which has been adopted is the invention of Mr. Horsfall of Leeds. Instead of the furnaces depending upon the natural draught induced by a tall chimney, a forced draught is obtained by closing the ash place under the fire bars with iron doors, and blowing in a large volume of air by means of a steam jet, applied on the well-known principle of the injector."

We have already pointed out to the Bradford paper that this is incorrect and they have published our contradiction. We have also pointed it out to the authorities at Bradford. The improvement in question distinctly provided for and claimed in Mr. Fryer's very first Destructor patent and any Destructors supplied by us can be fitted with this improvement.

We will not trouble you with a long argument as to the advantages or otherwise of forced draught in the case of destructors. Most people know that by blowing a fire you can increase the fierceness of it, but we would just like to say this, that very few destructors have had forced draught applied to them as most people prefer the much simpler form of apparatus without forced draught ; this latter requires large steam boilers for the purpose of raising the steam for working the blowers, and consequently the apparatus becomes a much more complex affair.

We should not, however, like an impression to get abroad that there is any form of "The Destructor" or any improvement to the apparatus which we are unable to supply. This is our reason for troubling you with this explanation.—We are, &c.,

For Manlove, Alliott & Co., Limited.,
THOS. GANTRELL,
Secretary.

February 28.

SURGEON THOMPSON KILLED BY A TIGER.

THE *Poona Observer* writes :—It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Surgeon Thomson, of the 10th Bombay Light Infantry. This officer with Major Peile left Poona last Thursday for a two months' shooting trip in the Satpura jungles. On Sunday Major Peile telegraphed that Dr. Thompson had been killed by a tiger, and that his body has been brought into Bhosawal—beyond this, we believe, nothing further is known of this fatal accident. Dr. Thompson killed his first tiger, this time last year, near Khandalla, when out with Major Peile's party.

The *Deccan Herald* says :—A telegram received here on Saturday mentions a sad incident which will cast a gloom over the station, as Surgeon A. J. Thompson, 10th Bombay Light Infantry, who has been killed by a tiger while out shooting in the Bhosawal forests, was a well known and respected officer, whose loss will be regretted by numbers of friends and society generally. He left Poona on Thursday in expectation of devoting a few days to the pursuit of big game in the forests adjacent to Bhosawal, and has unfortunately been struck down in an encounter with a tiger on Saturday. He was accompanied by Major Peile, who brought his body to Bhosawal. The wounded tiger was not allowed to escape. Dr. Thompsoa's orderly having shot him that same evening.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Mar. 26.—Municipal Standing Committee.
W. I. V. A. Association Tournament.
26.—Illuminations and Fireworks.
27.—Dinner to H. R. H. Prince Albert Victor, Byculla Club.
27.—Novelty Theatre, the Boadicea's Amateur Dramatic Company.
27.—Victoria Gardens, Fruit, Flower and Horse Show.
28.—Departure of Prince Albert Victor.
28.—Victoria Gardens, Fruit, Flower and Horse Show.
28.—Novelty Theatre, Boadicea's Amateur Dramatic Company.
29.—B. V. Artillery, Wheal Cup Competition.
29.—Victoria Gardens, Fruit, Flower and Horse Show.
29.—Amritsar Manufacturing Company.
31.—Madras United S. and W. Mills.
31.—Millowners' Association, special meeting.
31.—Jivraj Balloo Spinning and Weaving Company.
April 1.—Farewell Entertainment to Lord Reay, Poona.
2.—Municipal Standing Committee.
2.—Indian Manufacturing Company.
2.—Sassoon Spinning and Weaving Company.
2.—Barsee Oil Co.
9.—Municipal Standing Committee.
10.—Second Criminal Sessions.
11.—Departure of Lord and Lady Reay per mail steamer.
14.—Expected arrival of Lord Harris.

THE Queen has sent a magnificent silver punch bowl to the officers of the Prussian regiment of Dragoons of which she is Colonel, and Angeli is coming over to Windsor from Vienna shortly to paint a portrait of Her Majesty, which she intends to present to them.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.—MARCH 22.

Stubbs, Capt, Bengal, APD, on duty, from Umballa.

MARCH 23.

Walker, Capt, Bo R A, on duty, from England.
Anderson, Surgn Major, Bengal Medical Staff, on sick leave, from Naini Tal.
Dennis, Lieut, Bengal, R A, on leave, to England, from Saugor.

MARCH 24.

Chapman, Capt, Bo, 2nd Belooch Regt, on duty, from England.
Flanagan, Surgn, Bo, Medical Staff, on leave, from Nusseerabad.
Thomson, Surgn-Major, Bengal, IMS, on duty, from England.
Walker, Col, Ms, Staff Corps, return from furlough, from England.
Montgomery, Major, Bengal, APD, on leave, from Meerut.
Kirke, Lieut, Bo, 2nd R Lanc Regt, on leave, to England, from Karachi.
Moolley, Lt-Col, Bengal, 5th Goorkhas, on duty, from England.
Bell, Lieut, Bo, 5th Bo, LI, on sick leave, from Chanar
Hume, Capt, Bengal, on sick leave, from Rawal Pindi.
Elliot, Capt, Bengal, on duty, from Rawal Pindi.
Davidson, Lieut, Bengal Staff Corps, on sick leave, from Bolarum.
Gibbs, Lieut, Ms, 2nd Bedford Regt, on sick leave, from Secunderabad.

DEPARTURES—MARCH 24.

Craig, Surgn-Major, Bo, Medical Staff, on duty, to Deolali.
Walker, Col, Ms, Staff Corps, on duty, to Madras.
Wetherall, Major, Bo, 22nd Bo. I, on duty, to Ahmedabad.
Smith, Capt, Bo, 22nd Bo. I, on duty, to Ahmedabad.
Waller, Lieut, Bo, 22nd Bo. I, on duty, to Ahmedabad.
Nurse, Lieut, Bo, 22nd Bo. I, on duty, to Ahmedabad.
Damania, Surgn, Bo, 22nd Bo. I, on duty, to Ahmedabad.
Mollay, Lt-Col, Bengal, 5th Goorkhas, on duty, to Abbotabad.
Hunter, Surgn, M S, on duty, to Deolali.
Poole, 2nd Lt, Bo, 5th Bo. L I, to join, to Baroda.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. THE HON'BLE L. H. BAYLEY,
Commanding Bo. Vol. R. Corps.
Bombay, 25th March, 1890.

1. The Regiment will parade at 7. a m. on Wednesday, the 26th instant, at the Cruickshank Road end of Parade Ground. Red uniform, helmets, arms and accoutrements. Tram fares to and from parade will be paid on application to Company N.-C. officers detailed for that purpose. Cadets will be conveyed in special tram cars on Wednesday, the 26th instant, as follows :—

Byculla School and Byculla Scottish School—Two single cars leave Victoria Gardens at 6. a.m.

St. Mary's School—Two double cars leave Victoria Gardens at 6 a.m.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

2. Under Rule 15 of the Regulations of the Corps, the following parades preparatory to Inspection are ordered for all members :—Wednesday, 26th March, at 7 a. m., and Thursday, 27th March, at 7 a. m. Squadron parade on the Kennedy Sea Face. Swords and carbines.

By Order,
T. W. C. LEATHEM, Captain, and Adjutant, B. V. R. C.

DAILY EXPORTS.—MARCH 24.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Persia s—200 bales cotton, J. C. Bushby and Co ; 200 bales cotton, Ernsthausen and Co ; 200 bales cotton, B. Narrandas ; 500 bales cotton, Thos. H. Moore and Co ; 2,600 cwts myroballams, David Sassoon and Co ; 500 bales cotton, E. D. Sassoon and Co ; 1,000 bales cotton, Lyon and Co ; 53 bales wool, Tod Durant and Co ; 60 bales wool, N. Bhanjee ; 400 bales cotton, Killick Nixon and Co.

Glendower s—1,000 bales cotton, Gaddum Bythell and Co ; 100 bales cotton, F. S. Punnett and Co ; 13 bales wool, G. Toolseedass.

Sapphire s—100 bales cotton, Jethabhoy Damjee ; 150 bales wool, G. Toolseedass ; 150 bales hemp, T. Fischer and Co.

Clan Graham s—550 bales cotton, Finlay Muir and Co.

FOR LONDON.

Evelyn s—21 bales hides, H Jamall ; 25 bales goatskin, S Mooloobhoy and Co ; 12 bales hides, E Peerdin & Co ; 21 bales goatskin, M Shapoorjee & Co ; 7 bales goat skin, C Joona and Co ; 6,188 cwts huldee, R Khetsee ; 25 cwts cupela, N Dyalljee ; 700 bales nutmegs, 450 lbs mace and 90 cwts olibanum, B Sajeen ; 36 cwts gum, W Ganjee ; 112½ cwts gum, F Fischer and Co ; 91¼ cwts gum, D Chugunlal ; 11 bales woollen rags, Hyim and David ; 7 casks chutney, D P Batha and Co ; 422 cwt cloves, M Lalljee ; 55 bales cotton, K Nixon and Co ; 3,000 cwts wheat, B and A Hormarjee ; 7 bales goatskin, C Rujubally ; 25 bales goatskin, Esmal Ganjee ; 70 cwts gum, M Peeraz, 15½ cwt fishmaws, R Nursee ; 7 bales goatskin, P H Abdul Cader ; 125 cwt coir yarn, M Mooljee.

FOR HAMBURG.

Cuba s—880 bales cotton, Durst and Co ; 1,095 bales cotton, Lyon and Co ; 495 bales cotton, George, Lockhart and Co ; 500 cwts ajwanseed, A Blascheck and Co ; 220 bales cotton, Thos H Moore and Co ; 310 bales cotton, J C Bushby and Co ; 495 bales cotton, Killick Nixon and Co ; 200 bales cotton, David Sassoon and Co.

Trifels s—110 bales cotlon, Ralli Brothers ; 110 bales cotton, Tod Durant and Co ; 220 bales cotton, Lyon and Co ; 880 bales cotton, George Lockhart and Co ; 385 bales cotton, A Blascheck and Co ; 500 bales cotton, Glade and Co ; 220 bales cotton, The Bombay Co ; 550 bales cetton, F Sauquet and Co ; 220 bales cotton, David Sassoon and Co ; 230 bales cotton, J C Bushby and Co.

FOR ANTWERP.

Straits of Magellan s—50 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers ; 20 cwts gum and 190 cwts horns, F. Hurst ; 1,780½ cwts castorseed and 520 gingellyseed, A Blascheck and Co ; 501 cwts myrabollams, H Gokaldass ; 350 bales cottonfly, &c., Dewjee Veerjee.

Wistow Hall s—130½ cwts groundnuts, and 470 cwts wheat, A Blascheck and Co ; 1,600½ cwts rapeseed, F L Batlibai and Co ; 50 bales cotton, Killick Nixon and Co ; 100 bales cotton, Glade and Co ; 1,000½ cwts groundnuts, Lyon and Co.

FOR HAVRE.

Lady Armstrong s—1,000 bales cotton, George Lockhart & Co ; 800 bales cottcn, Gaddum Bythell & Co ; 1,000 bales cotton, F Sauquet & Co.

Mameluke s—1,000½ cwts linseed, Lyon & Co.

FOR HULL.

Ebro s—600 cwts myrabollums, Khimjee Luckhmidass and Co ; 1,300 cwts wheat, Ralli Brothers.

FOR BREMEN.

Trifels s—330 bales cotton, E. Spinner and Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Imperator s—100 bales cotton, E. D. Sassoon and Co ; 110 bales cotton, F. Sauquet and Co.

FOR BARCELONA.

D. Balduino s - 200 bales cotton, F. Sauquet and Co.

FOR ODESSA.

Imperator s—110 bales cotton, Gaddum Bythell and Co ; 110 bales cotton, F. Sauquet and Co.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Swainley s—200 bales cotton, George Lockhart and Co.

Ailsacraig s—100 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.

Chartors Tower s—2,001 cwts rapeseed, Killick Nixon and Co ; 2,001 cwts rapeseed, F L Batliboy and Co ; 2,000 cwts linseed, Finlay Muir and Co ; 4,002 cwts linseed, David Sassoon and Co.

Kt of St. George s—2,001 cwts rapeseed, Killick Nixon and Co.

FOR GENOA.

Sandfields s—4,002 cwts gingelly seed, K Nixon and Co ; 100 bales cotton, The Bombay Co ; 350 bales cotton, Glade and Co.

D Balduino s—110 bales cotton, Volkart Bros ; 250 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers; 200 bales cotton, Glade and Co.

FOR VENICE.

Imperator s—250 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers ; 420 bales cotton, F Sauquet and Co.

FOR PERAEUS.

Imperator s—250 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers.

FOR LEGHORN.

D Balduino s—450 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers.

FOR NAPLES.

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PIANOS thoroughly renovated and tuned by Professional Europeans, at moderate rate, MARCKS & Co., Limited.

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D. MACDONALD, M.D., B.Sc., C.M.,
University Registrar.

Bombay, 22nd March, 1890.

THE FOUNDATION-STONE OF THE SIR DINSHAW MANECKJEE PETIT'S LEPERS' HOME

WILL BE LAID THIS AFTERNOON, at 5 p.m. AT TROMBAY,

BY

H. R. H. PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR OF WALES.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 24.

THE quotation for June Futures in New York on Saturday, which was mutilated in transmission, is repeated at 11·48 cents, which is practically the same as Friday's price. No other news relating to Cotton or General Produce is to hand by wire since that chronicled in our report of Saturday evening's date, and in provincial quotations from London and Paris there had been no further change on that day. Reuter announces that the National Bank of India pays a dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, and carries forward £30,000.

MONEY.—The Bank of Bombay return for the week ending on Saturday shows the following changes :—

Public Deposits at Head Office	Inc.	Rs. 11,02,111
" " Branches	Dec.	" 19,366
Other Deposits	Dec.	" 24,14,155
Government Securities	Inc.	" 56,302
Loans	Inc.	" 20,73,044
Bills Discounted	Dec.	" 5,53,491
Cash with other Banks	Dec.	" 75,069
Cash and Currency Notes	Dec.	" 27,74,111

There is no apparent mitigation of the stringency in the Money Market, and the issue of the Presidency Bank's return this afternoon, showing that the Cash Balance had become reduced to some 73½ lakhs on Saturday, thus disclosing a decrease of nearly 27½ lakhs during the week covered by the Statement does not improve the situation. In the item of Bills discounted, as will be seen from the figures which we give above, there had been some diminution, but on the other hand there had been a heavy falling off in private deposits, while loans had largely increased, the net expansion in the trade demand being thus represented by over 39½ lakhs. As during the previous week, however, there had been a material increase in Government deposits, which had compensated to some extent for the outflow of cash from the Bank for the general purposes of trade.

COTTON.—Although steady, the line of this market can no longer be called firm, and the business reported has been upon a small scale, under 1,000 bales of ready stuff having changed hands, and no arrival contracts having transpired. Several hundred bales of Akola were taken at Rs. 204, the rest of the day's purchases having been in Compta, at Rs. 194½; Khangaum, at Rs. 206½; Veraval, at Rs. 195; Mowa, at Rs. 229; and Broach Ginned, at Rs. 252 per candy. Prices show no quotable change.

WHEAT.—There has been less doing in this market to-day than at the close of last week; but the tone keeps firm, and prices are quite unaltered.

SEEDS.—A moderate business only has transpired on the basis of previous rates, the feeling, however, being steady, and quotations unchanged for all descriptions.

The Receipts of Produce into Bombay on Saturday were as follows :—

Cotton	16,177 bales.
Wheat	9,342 cwts.
Linseed	21,179 "
Rapeseed	5,043 "
Gingelly	3,579 "
Ground Nuts	4,491 "
Castor Seed	3,630 "

FREIGHTS are weaker, and rates for prompt shipment are declining. The Incharran (s), for early April loading, has been fixed at 22s. 9d. per ton, for one direct port; and the Clan MacGregor (s), for March-April loading, has been berthed for Liverpool at 22s. 6d. for Wheat, and 23s. 9d. for Cotton.

EXCHANGE has been steady all day, and closed with a still firmer feeling, and at a slight advance on the morning's rates for forward delivery. Three months' sight Credits were done for April at 1s. 5 3-16 to 1-16d., but were quoted at the close at 1s. 5 7-32 to 3-32d., and Bank Telegraphic was offered at 1s. 4½d. for April and at 1s. 4¾d for all May transfer. The demand for remittance continues to be very limited. We quote ready.

Bank Bills on demand, 1s. 5 1-32 to 1-16d. per rupee.
Do. Telegraphic .....1s. 5d. "
Do. 3 months' sight...1s. 5½d. "
Credits do. ....1s. 5½d. "
Francs do. ....1·81½ "

GOVERNMENT PAPER has been rather weaker to-day, and the cash price of Fours, after remaining for some time at 99¾ drooped to 99⅝, which was the closing rate; while for the next account 99 15-16 has been the quotation, and 100⅛ for the April settlement. 100¼ to 101, nominal, is quoted for 4½ per cents.

SHARES.—The feeling is still languid with regard to Cotton Mill Scrip, although our list this evening shows some advance in several instances, say of Rs. 10 in Connaught and James Greaves; and of Rs. 5 in David; but on the other hand Manockji Petit and Oriental are each Rs. 5 lower at our quotations. Mofussil Press shares are Rs. 2 up, at Rs. 432. National Bank shares are Rs. 5 higher, at Rs. 180 per share.

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

LATEST dates of foreign messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. of the 24th March 1890.

Via.	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time occupied in transmission.* Hours.	Minutes.
Turkey	24	3	23	3	38
Teheran	24	7	3	...	37
Suez	24	7	38	...	39

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay during the 24 hours ending 8 p.m. on 24th March 1890.

—	Maximum Time. H.	M.	Minimum Time H.	M.
From Calcutta	5	22	...	4
" Kurrachee	...	22	...	6
" Madras	3	17	...	1

TELEGRAPHIC LINE REPORTS.

MARCH 24.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

Great Britain.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.
Continent of Europe.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.
America.—Via Brest, perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.
Australia.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect.
China.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect.

Private telegrams in code or cypher for Khartonou (Porto Novo), on the West Coast of Africa, are prohibited.

Mauritius mail closes at Zanzibar on noon of the 30th inst.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

SUNDAY NIGHT, MARCH 23.

10 p.m.	78·1

MONDAY, MARCH 24.

6 a.m.	76·2
10 a.m.	84·4
2 p.m.	85·6
4 p.m.	84·1

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER REPORT.

SIMLA, March 24.—The barometer has fallen in North-western India and south of the Peninsula, but has risen elsewhere. The fall is brisk in the Punjab, and a fresh depression apparently is advancing across Sind. Readings are highest in North Konkan and lowest in North Bengal. Winds have shifted to the east of Punjab, but remain westerly, and are north-west to south-west in most other parts of India, the force being fresh at the head of the Bay, Lower Bengal, Sind, Kattiawar and North Konkan. Temperature has changed irregularly, but on the whole it has risen. The mean is above the average in Burma, Bengal, the Central Provinces and the Peninsula, but below elsewhere. The weather is showery in Assam and Punjab; and further unsettled weather is probable in those provinces.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.

EUROPE.

DEATHS.

CHESNEY—Feb 7, Capt D Chesney, 23rd Punjaub Pioneers, Bengal Staff Corps, accidentally drowned on the voyage home from India, aged 40.
LIPTROTT—Feb 25, at Southsea, General J Liptrott, Bengal Infantry, aged 77.
NEWTON—March 2, at Lordship-park, Stoke Newington, Elizabeth, widow of Alexander Richard Newton, H E I C S.
PHILLOTT—March 5, at Putney, Lilias, widow of Lieut-Col H R Phillott, Madras Army.

OTHER PRESIDENCY.

MARRIAGE.

PYMM—McDONNELL—March 15, at the Church of St. Michael and St Joseph, Lahore, by the Rev Fr L O'Dea, O C, Russell Pymm to Jane McDonnell.

The Bombay Gazette

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1890.

THE Mail brings us a short Parliamentary paper consisting of extracts from the official correspondence relating to the numbers and functions of the Legislative Councils in India. The most important of them is a despatch from the Government of India, which embodies the opinions of the various local Governments upon the Draft Bill. For reasons other than local ones, the paragraph which relates to the opinion of the Government of Bombay is by far the most interesting in the despatch. The Government of Bombay, we are told, was divided in opinion. The Governor approved of the Draft Bill, with the exception of the definition of "local legislature"; but as the reasons of his Excellency's objection are not set forth, the information is not very enlightening. The other members of the Government, on the other hand, seem to have objected to the Bill, root and branch, with a fine old-fashioned intolerance of all such nonsense as widening the basis of our legislative system, or allowing the community to have any voice in its own affairs. Doubtless, if the whole story were told, we should have a fine philosophic demonstration of the inutility and danger of change, and of the exceeding unfitness of Indian society, for taking any larger part than it does take in public affairs. Sir Raymond West and his late colleague would rather have had no Bill at all. But if the subject must be tampered with, they preferred that the present minimum number of additional members, shall be retained, and that the maximum should be fourteen, instead of twenty, as the Bill proposes. Herein they differ widely from the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, who thinks that the maximum proposed is too low for his Council, and recommends that the number of Additional Members be extended to thirty, or rather more than twice as many as Sir Raymond West and Mr. Richey thought a safe maximum for the Presidency of Bombay. Yet Sir Steuart Bayley, who has been outvoted in his own public meeting, knows the material he has to deal with—knows that the Bengali politician is an impulsive and altogether impracticable personage, and in both respects as different as it is possible for him to be from his brethren in Western India. However, the local Governments were asked to state their opinion, and we must accept the honest fears of the two Members of Council as inferences drawn from a wide experience of Indian administration and of Indian character. Their misgivings, nevertheless, would have been more intelligible than they are if they had stood alone. But when they go on to urge that express power should be given to nominate Native Chiefs of States under the political control of the local Government, and persons subject to the authority of such Chiefs, we have a right to ask that Members of Council should be at least consistent in their pessimism. The character and the capacity of the Native Chiefs have of late been not too considerately canvassed, and on those points there is little need to say anything further. But with all respect to the Princes and Chiefs of this Presidency, whose loyalty and good-will have never been doubted, there are exceedingly few of them who can be deemed wise in Council. There seems to be a tacit recognition of this in the alternative suggestion of the two Bombay Members of Council that, "persons subject to the authority of such Chiefs" shall also be qualified for nomination. The meaning of this seems to be that where the Chief is not quite as capable a man as the Government would wish to see in Council, his Dewan, or some other person of capacity, may be nominated in his place. This, however, would not remove the anomaly. We fail to see any ground upon which representatives of the Native States should be invited to have any part or lot in the Legislative system of British India. British Legislative Councils legislate for British territory, and for British territory alone. The laws passed in Poona and in Bombay have no application outside British jurisdiction, and to give to a Native Chief or to any of his subjects the right to take part in the proceedings of the Council would be in the highest degree inconsistent and anomalous. We are not entirely without experience in this matter. At the Delhi Assembly of 1877, Lord Lytton conceived the romantic idea of incorporating Holkar, Scindia, and some other of the great Feudatory Chiefs in what was called a Council of the Empire. The Council never did any mischief, for we believe it was never called together, and it was never called together because no one ever supposed that it could serve any possible purpose. If Sir Raymond West thinks that the elite of the Katthiawar and South Mahratta Chiefs will be more useful in Council than Holkar or Scindia could have been, we should like to learn his grounds for that belief. The Bombay Members of Council not only object to the discussion of the Budget by the Legislative Council, but also to the proposal to allow questions to be asked. Apart indeed from their singularly optimistic estimate of the legislative capacity of the Native Chiefs, their view of the whole question is tinged with fear and distrust. Even in the familiar phrase, "the Governor in Council," they see a lurking danger, not being quite sure whether this after all may not mean, "the Governor in Council, for making laws," so that the reconstituted Council would make its own rules, which, they say, might perhaps be so framed as to stop all work unless the Council were allowed its own way. The Government of India naturally enough have no doubt as to the meaning of the words, "Governor in Council," reading in them a direction that the rules should be made by the Supreme and Local Governments in their executive capacity alone. It is disappointing to have to say it, but from none of the Governments in India does Lord Cross seem to have derived less enlightenment and assistance than from the Government of Bombay, though it is fair to Lord Reay that he personally should be excluded from this estimate.

On the whole the second reading debate on the Bill in the House of Lords is more instructive than the somewhat meagre selections from the official correspondence which the Government have made public. Two ex-Viceroys and two ex-Secretaries of State for India took part in the debate, which was conducted with the good sense and moderation which characterise the proceedings of the House of Lords. The salient feature in the criticism to which the Bill was subjected was the strong desire expressed on the Opposition side of the House to obtain a recognition of the elective principle in the Bill. Lord Northbrook was cautiously content with the provision which the Bill makes for dealing with the Supreme Council. But he, as well as Lord Ripon, Lord Kimberley, and Lord Granville, took Lord Dufferin's view of the matter, and urged that for the Provincial Councils, at all events, some method other than that of nomination should be resorted to. At least three peers who have held responsible place in the Government of India were in favour therefore of taking this step in advance, and although some serious fears were expressed on the other side, they were based on general rather than specific grounds. Lord Salisbury, for instance, although he might have drawn upon the accumulated experiences of Indian administrators, had nothing more specific to allege against the broader and more generous policy than the general incapacity of the oriental races for elective institutions. Seeing what the weight of authority is on the other side the Government are incurring some responsibility in standing out against the elective principle on the very inadequate grounds which have been thus far alleged. For a responsibility attaches to standing still as well as to going forward and if the Government persist in keeping the Bill within its present narrow limits they must be prepared for much agitation both in India and at Home. No one will thank them for the measure as it now stands, although if native politicians could bring themselves to take a dispassionate view of the question they would recognise that it is better than nothing at all. We have to take the situation as it is and not as it might be. And so taking it the fact has to be reckoned with that the Government are disappointing some of the most reasonable and moderate expectations which have been formed in connection with this question.

AMONG the distinguished strangers who have assembled in Bombay to greet H. R. H. Prince Albert Victor a considerable number have found a temporary lodging in the Victoria Gardens in quarters arranged for them by the energy of a hard-working Committee. It is evident that one of the most important events of the reception will be the Horse and Cattle Show inaugurated by Mr. Ollivant, and cordially supported by a large number of the leading Political Agents, notably Colonels Salmon, Nutt, and Wodehouse. In no more forcible manner could the loyalty of the Native Chiefs of Western India have been shown than by the time, trouble, and money which have been expended by them in despatching to Bombay animals which, when placed on exhibit, will constitute a Show worthy of the city, and decidedly superior to anything of the kind ever hitherto seen in India, or likely to be seen again by present residents in Bombay. Animals have been concentrated from Beluchistan, Rajputana, Cutch, Kathiawar, the Presidency proper, and the Southern Mahratta States, and the result is a most remarkable collection which anyone who takes an interest in animals will do wrong to neglect to study. Even from Hissar in the Punjab, from Bikanir, and from Hyderabad in the Deccan, exhibits have arrived, and it is probable from the cordial expressions of opinion which we understand, were received by the Committee, that only the very short notice given has prevented the Show being representative of a very much wider area. As it is, Europe contributes English thorough-breds and Norfolk trotters, Hungarian horses and an Austrian cow; Australia, a number of fine colonial horses, Arabia, a grand contingent of riding and driving horses, Cutch, Kattiawar, and the Southern Mahratta country, some representative horses and cattle, and even distant Kashgar and Burma some ponies. Conspicuous among the cattle are Marmion 2nd, a polled Angus bull of excellent temper and appearance, some enormous bullocks from the Southern Mahratta States, Bhavnagar, Kathiawar, and the Hissar cattle farm, and some beautiful pedigree cattle from the Bombay Government Farm at Khandesh, which has also sent up a good Mysore bull and some of its progeny; a curious pair of gainias from Radhanpore will arrest attention. The educational value of the Show cannot fail to be high; probably never before was seen so fine a collection of representatives of the leading horse and cattle breeds in India. Enough young stock have turned up to show what is being done by breeding efforts in Western India, and, finally, we understand that the Committee promises a full catalogue, and that arrangements, are to be made for photographing the prize-winners, and perhaps all exhibits, and for drawing up a scientific report on their points, measurements, and conformation. It is to be hoped that in this way a permanent memento of solid scientific and agricultural value may be procured of this occasion, when the Chiefs of India have so conspicuously demonstrated their loyalty to her Majesty the Empress.

WITH the exception of the boast that "France, once more proud and strong, will make the voice of reason, humanity, civilization, and progress heard at Berlin"—a phrase which it is not easy to interpret into the language of plain people—there is excellent sense in the way in which the French Government accepted the Emperor William's invitation to the Labour Conference. The French delegates have gone to Berlin under no illusions, and under instructions to encourage none. France the more easily accepted the invitation because the programme excludes the question of the limitation of the hours of labour of adult males. On that point, indeed, the French Government seem to have been as explicit in their instructions as the English Government were when two years ago they stipulated that their delegates at the Berne Conference should take no part in the discussion of the question of the limitation of the hours of adult male labour. This shows how, despite the noisy activity of the *Parti Ouvrier* in France at intervals, during the past few years, true economic principles still have their hold upon the governing classes. Yet France, which tried the experiment of the State Workshops in 1848, and took its lessons in political economy from Louis Blanc, has dabbled much pretty freely in experiments of this kind, and there have been times when, saving the presence of an Emperor, the dominant factions in Republican France, would willingly have gone much farther than to Berlin to discuss a much more ambitious programme than that which the Emperor is laying before his guests. At home sound doctrine in regard to the eight-hours' movement is being taught by Mr. Bradlaugh who lately denounced the leaders of the movement as the enemies of the working classes, and thereby brought upon himself the taunt from Lord Randolph Churchill that he [illegible] whether Mr. Bradlaugh or Mr. Chamberlain would be the first to take his place on the front Ministerial Bench. There are occasions, indeed, on which the question arises, whether the Conservatism of Mr. Bradlaugh or the Radicalism of Lord Randolph Churchill halts largest; and this was one of them.

WE are requested to state that steamers and steam launches will be ready at Mazagon Bunder at 3 p.m. to-day to convey to Trombay Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, Judges of the High Court, Consular Representatives of Foreign Governments, and such other high officials as may wish to be present at the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the Leper Asylum.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made by the Uncovenanted Service Associations in India for delegating witnesses for the Parliamentary Committee which will be appointed after Easter. Mr. Eliot, of the Meteorological Department, and Mr. Walker, of the P. W. D., are named as likely to represent the Simla Association.

THE G. I. P. Railway authorities are taking great pains in illuminating the Victoria Terminus. But their efforts, a correspondent writes, will be thrown away if the outlines and the chief features of the building are not more fully brought out than from present appearances they seem likely to be. No arrangements seem to have been made for lighting the spires or the dome. An example of how the work should be done is furnished in the University Clock Tower, the spire of which is being fully illuminated. The crockets on the dome make the fixing of the lights easy.

IT will be remembered that before his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught left Bombay he visited the Colaba Soldiers' Institute. He has since presented the members with a portrait of himself, which they have had framed by Messrs. Thacker and Company. To commemorate the incident the name of the institute has been changed to "The Soldiers' Connaught Club."

H. M. S. MARINER went out of the harbour for firing exercise yesterday, and she will sail on Thursday for the Persian Gulf.

AT the recent assault-at-arms for the Rawal Pindi District, Lieut. W. R. Birdwood, of the 11th Bengal Lancers, son of Mr Justice Birdwood, won a silver shield presented by General Sir T. D. Baker for the best man-at-arms among British officers.

MR. LOCKWOOD, Q. C., will, it is said, "lead" for Lady Connemara in the pending society divorce case, while Sir C. Russel will appear for Lord Connemara. Efforts have been made in the most august quarter to compose the differences between husband and wife, but so far without avail, and the cause is expected to be placed in the special jury list for trial very soon.

THE Queen is to hold an investiture of the Bath St. Michael and St. George, and the principal Indian orders, before her departure for Aix-les-Bains. The ceremony will take place in the White Drawing-room at Windsor Castle. There are a large number of knights of the various orders waiting to be invested, as there has not been a regular investiture for nearly a year.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to the *World*:—"Your Agra correspondent has fallen into error in stating that Sir Auckland Colvin's father, who, like himself was Lieutenant-Governor of the North-West Provinces, met his death at the hands of the rebels. The poor gentleman died in his bed in the fort of Agra, when the Agra civil and military people were supposed to be undergoing a siege. If Mr. Colvin died of anything except a mild disinclination to keep alive in the circumstances, he might be said to have been killed by a despatch from Calcutta conveying a reprimand for the non-transmission of an administration report, which could not be forwarded through a region entirely in hostile hands, and which, as Calcutta needed not to have been told, could not be prepared, because every document necessary for its compilation was destroyed at the first outburst of mutiny."

SPEAKING at St Pancras on March 1st, Mr Labouchere said:—He regarded the majority of the House of Commons as the most disreputable crew of men that ever Providence in his wrath inflicted upon a people. Why was he suspended? The House of Commons seemed to think that the members for Northampton should be very believing men. The House of Commons not many years ago expelled his colleague because he did not believe in things heavenly; they suspended him (Mr. Labouchere) because he would not believe in things of the earth, earthy. He declined to believe in the Marquess of Salisbury. He would like to see the Conservative who would stand up and say on his honour that he believed one single word the Marquess of Salisbury ever said. When people wanted to say that a person was telling a lie, and wished to say it civilly, they said, "You tell a Salisbury."

THINGS have vastly changed at Hyderabad in the last few years, writes "*Atlas*." The kindness and hospitality of the leading natives are boundless, and nowhere in India is the intercourse between them and our countrymen so cordial and intimate. Under the wise and prudent administration of Sir Asman Jah, seconded by that able and enlightened official the Financial and Political Secretary, Mohsin-ul-Mulk, better known as Mehdi Ali, the country is making such steady progress that Hyderabad, already the most considerable of the native states of India, promises to become before long an example to them all.

THE Indian troopship Serapis arrived at Portsmouth on March 4, after rather a mishapful voyage, having broken down after leaving Bombay, and having to put into Plymouth through stress of weather. She carried the 2nd Batt. Norfolk Regt. time-expired men, invalids, and details, under the command of Colonel Burton, of the Norfolk Regt., the total numbers being 32 officers, 12 ladies, 12 children, 611 rank-and-file, 20 women, and 51 children of the regiment; and the remaining details bring the total (military and passengers) complement up to 1,190. One death, that of a soldier, occurred on the voyage, and Captain Chesney, of the Bengal Staff Corps, coming home as mentally deranged, escaped the vigilance of the sentry three days out from Bombay, and, nothing more being heard of him, is believed to have jumped overboard.

ACCORDING to advices received in England from Teheran, the little favourite of the Shah, whose appearance excited great interest everywhere during the Shah's visit to Europe, has been betrothed to his Majesty's youngest daughter. In honour of this event the Shah gave a great festival, which in its splendour is said to have surpassed even those mentioned in the "Arabian Nights." Nasr-ed-Din presented his little favourite with his most beautiful estate in the neighbourhood of Teheran. At the same time he handed him a document pronouncing a curse upon any future ruler of Persia who would dare to deprive him of his property.

IN an amusing account of daily life at Stockholm, a clever writer in *Temple Bar* says that the telegraph has been almost superseded there by the telephone; but the convenience is not without its social drawbacks:—"Wonderfully convenient as it undoubtedly is, the invention is not without its dangers and its drawbacks. Terrible things have occurred from its careless use by persons insufficiently versed in its ways and workings. To give an example. A lady a short time ago received an invitation by telephone to dine in the country. Turning away from the instrument she asked her husband what earthly excuse she could send this time. Through the telephone with awful distinctness came back the answer, 'If you don't want to come, you needn't send any excuse at all.' Alas! she had been unaware that 'asides' not spoken directly into the instrument were often audible at the other end."

TELEGRAMS.

[CENTRAL NEWS TELEGRAMS.]

THE ANGLO-PORTUGUESE DIFFICULTY.

LONDON, MARCH 24.

Lord Salisbury has assured Portugal that Britain will repudiate Consul Buchanan's action in hoisting the British flag on Portuguese territory, if such action be proved.

THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

LONDON, MARCH 24.

General Caprivi, Count Kalnoky, and Signor Crispi are to confer shortly.

A MILITARY FRACAS.

LONDON, MARCH 24.

Captain Campbell, Royal Irish Fusiliers, has been sentenced to lose a year's seniority for striking Lieutenant Gray in a squabble over a game of billiards.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS]

REASONS FOR BISMARCK'S RESIGNATION.

BERLIN, MARCH 23.

It is stated here that the retirement of Prince Bismarck is due to a personal difference with the Emperor, who insisted on being informed of all his dealings with party leaders.

Prince Bismarck, however, declined to be controlled by the Emperor in such matters, and therefore resigned.

A RUSSIAN UKASE.

ST. PETERSBURG, MARCH 23.

An Imperial Ukase orders the issue of new gold at four per cent. loan of seventy-five million roubles, for the redemption of the loan of 1862.

THE MAILS.

LONDON, MARCH 22.

The Bombay mails of the 7th instant were delivered in London to-day.

THE EXCHANGE RATE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, MARCH 24.

The rate of exchange in Calcutta at noon to-day was 1s. 5 1-16d.

CONSECRATION OF A BISHOP.

The Rev. Mr. Whitley was consecrated Bishop of Chota Nagpore last Sunday at Ranchi. The Bishops of Calcutta, Bombay, and Lahore took part in the ceremony.

A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN SIMLA.

A destructive fire broke out at the Simla Main Bazaar early this morning. The flames made a sweep up the Mall, burning the Municipal Market, the old Theatre, and Messrs. Davies Commission Rooms.

THE CHIN FIELD FORCE.

The northern and southern columns of the Chin ield Force met at Tashon Ywama, their appointed rendezvous, on the 12th instant.

COLONEL C. J. SMITH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, MARCH 24.

Colonel C. J. Smith, R.E., who has been ill, has left for England on a year's furlough.

INFLUENZA IN MADRAS.

Influenza is reported in two parts of the Madras city.

LORD CONNEMARA'S DEPARTURE FOR OOTY.

H. E. the Governor left for Ooty this evening. There was a large attendance to see him depart.

OBITUARY.

Colonel Brodie Ketchen, in command of the Nayar Brigade, Travancore.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

PENANG, MARCH 24.

The P. and O. Co.'s s. s. Lombardy (extra) left here for Bombay yesterday afternoon.

HONGKONG, MARCH 22.

The P. and O. Co.'s s. s. Nizam arrived here from Bombay at daylight to-day.

ADEN, MARCH 24.

The P. and O. Co.'s s. s. Rome, from Bombay, arrived at 1 a.m. to-day.

The Messageries Maritimes s. s. Salazie left Aden for Marseilles on Sunday, the 23rd instant, at 4 p.m.

The Messageries Maritimes s. s. Labourdonnais reached Aden on 23rd instant at 2 a.m.

The Anchor Line s.s. Brittannia, outward bound, passed the Canal on the 22nd instant.

COLOMBO, MARCH 26.

Mail steamer Massilia, from China, arrived.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, MARCH 26.

The Liverpool Cotton Market, closed, firm. Surats quiet.

Good Dhollera	4 11-16d.
The Manchester Market quiet.	
7 lbs. Shirtings	5s. 3½d.
8½ „ „	6-6d.
40s Mule Twist	9¾d.
Exchange on India, 30 days' sight	1s. 4 9-16d.
2½ per cent. Consols for account	97⅛
3 per cent. French Rentes	88¼ ex coup.
4 per cent. Rupee paper	69⅝
4½ per cent. „	71½
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	107¼
Bar Silver	43½d. per oz.

ARRIVAL OF LADY HARRIS.

LADY HARRIS arrived in Bombay by the English mail steamer yesterday morning. As soon as the steamer anchored in the harbour about a quarter-past 8 a. m., Colonel the Hon. N. G. Lyttelton, Military Secretary to H. E. the Governor, Captain Forbes, Aide-de-Camp, and Dr. Irving, Surgeon, accompanied by Captain Hext, the Director of the Indian Marine, proceeded on board to meet Lady Harris. There was a delay of over an hour before they returned to the Apollo Bunder, where Colonel Lyttelton introduced to Lady Harris General Knowles. There were also present Mr. G. R. Johnstone, of Messrs. Grindlay, Groom and Company, and Rissaldar Major Roopsing, Native Aide-de-Camp to H. E. the Governor. Lady Harris was accompanied by Captain Jervis, Aide-de-Camp to Lord Harris, Dr. Martin, Surgeon, her child, and a maid. From the Bunder the party drove over first to Captain Hext's residence on the Dockyard premises, and afterwards to Government House. Lady Harris stayed there only a few hours, and came about 1-30 p.m. to the Victoria Terminus, where there were present Sir George Greaves, Commander-in-Chief, who was a passenger for Poona by the G. I. P. Railway mail train, Colonel Lyttelton, Colonel Campbell Walker, Captain Hastings, Mr G. R. Johnston, Captain Steele, &c. Lady Harris left the station in H. E. the Governor's saloon-carriage for Poona, *en route* to Mahableshwar, accompanied by the officers who came with her to Bombay.

ENGLISH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, MARCH 7.

WITH the exception of Mr. Gladstone's speech, and perhaps that of Sir Charles Russell, the long drawn-out debate on the Report of the Special Commission has not been remarkable for oratory of a high order. Friends and foes agree that the performance of the veteran Liberal leader was one of his finest efforts. Certainly those who were in the House of Commons at the opening of the debate are not likely soon to forget it. I mentioned last week the extraordinary demand for seats. All the places had been allotted a week beforehand, and if the orders admitting "strangers" to the more favoured portion of the space devoted to the public had been saleable they would have fetched a large price. There has certainly been no such rush during the past five years. Ladies', strangers', distinguished strangers', and reporters' galleries were closely packed. The vacant seat over the clock—his Royal Highness had gone away to open the Forth Bridge—and the almost entire emptiness of the Ambassadors' Box made the crowded state of the other parts of the House more conspicuous. On the floor of the building, sacred to members, there was not an unoccupied seat when Mr. Gladstone rose, and some hon. gentlemen were content to stand throughout the hour and forty minutes that the old man eloquent enchained the close attention of his hearers. A few M. Ps., including Mr. Herbert Gladstone and Mr. Cyril Flower, sat on the steps of the Speaker's throne. The only Minister absent was Mr. Balfour—he is confined to his room by one of his periodical colds—and more than one member of her Majesty's Government was compelled to put up with a back seat. Among the lucky persons who obtained admittance to the special gallery was Sir W. Wedderburn, who hopes before long to exchange the *role* of an occasional visitor to St. Stephen's for that of a Member of the House. In the seats under the gallery Mr. Michael Davitt rubbed shoulders with Mr. H. H. Cunynghame, the secretary of the Special Commission. The contrast between Mr. W. H. Smith and Mr. Gladstone was never more marked than on this occasion. I heard more than one Conservative member express regret that failing Mr. Balfour, Mr. Goschen had not been put up to speak on behalf of the Government. Mr. Gould, the political cartoonist, styles a sketch made of the Leader of the House, while he was speaking of the "Right Rev. W. H. Smith." Mr. Smith was painfully solemn, and he might have been engaged in delivering a funeral oration, so melancholy was the tone adopted. The right honourable gentleman whenever he addresses the House has a trick of assuming an air of injured innocence, especially at those periods when his virtuous commonplaces are greeted with irreverent laughter by the scoffers below the Opposition gangway. On Monday night this characteristic attitude was specially marked. Mr. W. H. Smith throughout his speech was almost motionless. He almost seemed to be chained to the table, so little animation did he display. He came provided with voluminous notes, which he freely used; indeed, he read every word of the latter part of his remarks, and the wonder is that some unregenerate Radical did not call Mr. Speaker's attention to the breach of the rules. Perhaps the most interesting thing mentioned by Mr. Smith was that the Government did not intend to take any further measures with regard to the report. "I have no doubt," said the right honourable gentleman," I shall be asked why the Government propose to proceed no further." Here he was interrupted by loud ironical cheers, and cries of "Why, why?" He went on to say, "Why is it the Government proceed no further than the resolution I move to enter the Judge's report on the journals of the House? My answer is because it was no part of our intention at any time to constitute a Commission for the purpose of obtaining evidence to inflict punishment." The Irish members laughed at this, and were moved to still greater merriment by Mr. Smith's most solemn assurance that the desire of Lord Salisbury's Government throughout had been to obtain the truth in the interests of the whole community, including the honourable gentlemen below the gangway. An amusing incident occurred while Mr. Smith was on his legs. He frequently paused to quench his thirst, and on one occasion, whilst he was drinking, Mr. Gladstone rose and reaching forward for the large tumbler of water that had previously been fetched for him by the "Masher" whip of the Liberal party, the Hon. C. R. Spencer, took a sip. This occurring immediately at the same moment that his opponent opposite was moistening his throat, it looked as if the rival leaders were drinking each other's health, and the House, which is easily excited to laughter, was much amused.

Another funny incident happened later in the evening. In one of the most important parts of his oration, Mr. Gladstone stopped, and gazed at Lord Randolph Churchill, who was talking to his immediate neighbour, Mr. Staveley Hill. Then ensued some strange pantomime. Lord Randolph excitedly turned to his companion, nodded to Mr. Gladstone, accompanying his gestures with a peculiar movement of the hands and arms, as much as to say, "Please, Sir, it wasn't me; it was the other boy." Mr. Staveley Hill did the same thing, and looked even more uncomfortable than the noble lord. Just as Mr. Gladstone was resuming his remarks, Mr. Ashmead Bartlett, who occupied the second place on the Treasury bench, turned round, and smiled in an extremely silky manner at Lord Randolph, who cast a most contemptuous glance at the enterprising Civil Lord of the Admiralty. I was subsequently told by some Members of Parliament, who were in a better position to judge than myself, that the origin of the affair was Mr. Ashmead Bartlett. He, it is said, manifested his objection to something Mr. Gladstone said, and was rebuked in true Randolphian style for the manner of his interruption. It is well-known that the member for South Paddington does not love Mr. Ashmead Bartlett, and the foregoing explanation of the episode is not inherently improbable. Mr. Gladstone had no more earnest listener than Lord Randolph (he absented himself from the House during the greater part of the time Mr. Smith was speaking, or rather reading)—and the noble Lord, whose admiration for the Liberal leader as a debater is well-known, has copied the trick of putting his hand to his ear, although he does not, so far as I am aware, suffer from deafness, and ought not to have any difficulty in catching the words of a speaker standing only a few yards off. Mr. Gladstone's voice was slightly husky when he began, but as he proceeded it became quite clear, and the House was so still that scarcely any of his points was lost, even by those sitting in the back galleries. Among the ladies behind the purdah or *grille* was the sister in-law of Mr. Chamberlain. She told a friend of mine that until then she had always thought the Right Hon. Joseph was the greatest living orator in this country since the death of Mr. John Bright; she was now prepared to admit that her distinguished relative had never made a speech equal to one delivered by Mr. Gladstone.

When Sir Michael Hicks-Beach got up to reply most of us went home. As I was leaving the House I met the burly form of Mr. Labouchere's "genial ruffian." I asked Mr. Caine what he thought of Mr. Gladstone's deliverance. "It was very fine," was the reply, "it was casuistical in parts, but I agreed with nearly every word of it." A journalistic friend to whom Mr. Caine had described the speech as unanswerable, inquired of the hon. member for Barrow how he intended to vote. "I have not yet made up my mind," was the answer. Since then Mr. Caine has performed the operation, and it is now understood that he will vote for the amendment. It is rumoured that he has only been restrained from taking part in the discussion by the earnest entreaties of the Liberal Unionist whips. Mr. Caine declares that he is still as strongly in favour of the maintenance of the Union as ever, but how long will it be before he is again acting with his former allies? As the Gladstonians deny that they are "Separatists," the difference between them and such men as Mr. Caine is one more of degree than principle.

Some curiosity has been evinced to know what line Lord Randolph would take. There is no longer any doubt that he disapproved of the appointment of the Commission, and that he is, now that the Report of the three Judges is before the world, more fully convinced than ever of the mistake committed by the Government. His position is one of some delicacy, and although he is burning to go for his old colleagues he has to be careful not to take a step that would alienate the sympathies of the Conservatives who still believe in him. He told his friends at the beginning of the week that he was undecided whether to take part in the debate. He now gives out that he shall not speak; but a great deal may happen before the division is taken on Monday or Tuesday. He is so erratic that nobody can tell what he may do. One thing, however, appears to be certain, namely, that although he will not vote with, he will not vote against, Mr. Gladstone's amendment. His present intention is to walk out before the division, in which example he will probably be imitated by his follower, Mr. Louis Jennings. Those who enjoy the noble Lord's confidence say that the reason why he does not boldly vote for the amendment is that it is couched in too violent terms. He may not be sorry to have such an excuse for remaining, so far as the divisionis concerned, neutral.

I have referred to the estimate formed of Mr. Gladstone's speech by two of his opponents. Let me allude to the opinion expressed by another and better known character who, to say the least, has never overloaded the Liberal Commander-in-Chief with adulation. Michael Davitt, who although he steadfastly refuses a seat in the House of Commons, is like so many of his countrymen, high and low, never better pleased than when attending its sittings. The ex-Fenian ran against Mr. Herbert Gladstone in one of the corridors on Tuesday evening, and some conversation passed between them. Mr. Davitt spoke of the delight with which he had listened to the elder Gladstone on the previous day. "There was always," he said, "a lingering feeling of bitterness against your father, left rankling in my breast, but last night's speech has cleared the last trace of it from my heart." Mr. Parnell entered the House in the middle of Mr. Smith's discourse, and was loudly cheered by his followers. He sat between Mr. Sexton and young Mr. Justin Huntly McCarthy. All eyes were turned to him when Mr. Gladstone prefaced the most moving part of his speech by saying:—"Now I have spoken thus far of the Irish members without distinction. I must now speak of the chief among them, because he was the object of by far the worst and most atrocious of these charges. I must speak of Mr. Parnell." In speaking of the uncrowned king by his name instead of by his constituency Mr. Gladstone was guilty of a breach of the rules, but nobody noticed it at the time, and if any one had observed the mistake, he would not have ventured to call attention to it, so enchained was the whole assembly by the moving periods of the distinguished orator. Curiously enough Sir Charles Russell in the peroration of his speech last night also without protest referred to the hon. member for Cork by name. "Do you not see that behind Mr. Parnell stands a nation and a nation's hopes?" asked the eminent Q. C. Sir C. Russell's speech, no doubt, deserved the high praise it subsequently received from the Attorney-General, but he was not able to draw a crowded House, and to tell the truth members are just a little tired of the legal element that has predominated in this debate. Mr. Reid, Mr. Lockwood, Sir C. Russell, the Attorney-General have all thought it necessary to favour the House with speeches that might have been more appropriately given at the palace in the Strand, and they will be followed by Mr. Asquith as well as by Sir Henry James. Some people think that Wednesday should have been given up entirely to the lawyers, and certainly there would have been some advantage in having all these forensic displays at one sitting. There is a peculiarity about the eloquence of professional advocates that seems to make it unsuitable to the atmosphere of the House of Commons.

The result of the contest in North St. Pancras is unfortunate for the Government at this juncture. So far as the personality of the rival candidates is concerned—Mr. Leighton does not count—the Conservatives were much better off than the Liberals. It is true that Mr. Bolton was a tried man, but I am doing him no injustice in saying that he had been tried and found wanting. He did his duty as a member, but the people of St. Pancras complained that after his defeat he neglected the constituency, and was not a very active supporter of the London programme. Weeks before there was a vacancy or any expectation of one, Liberals of the School of Professor Stuart and Mr. Causton might be heard lamenting that whatever their chances in other metropolitan districts in the more northern parts of London, they were hopeless. Mr. Bolton's victory over so good a candidate as Mr. Graham naturally makes them confident of winning all along the line when the general election comes round. The Irish Question, particularly the Report of the Special Commission, was put in the forefront by the Unionists, and they adhered to this programme, although they were warned by one of their own leading journals, the *Daily Chronicle*, that they were entirely on the wrong tack. "It is idle," says the Tory *St. James's* after the election, "to take up our stand simply and solely upon maintaining the Union." If the Conservative candidate for Stamford should get in by a larger majority than the late member Mr. Lawrence, just created one of her Majesty's judges, secured and the Liberal Unionist—he has many things in his favour—succeeds in beating the rather unlucky protege of Mr. Gladstone, who is standing in the Liberal interest, they may change their opinion, but very few Conservatives are to be found now who think that there is much capital to be made by them out of the conclusions of the three judges.

An odd reason has been given, and correctly given in one of the papers, for the further postponement of the second reading of Viscount Cross's Bill from Monday to last night. It is stated that when the Secretary of State for India went down to the Lords on Monday afternoon he found that he was the only peer who had received a copy of the Parliamentary papers, although they were issued from the office of the Government printers on Saturday. The explanation I believe is that these particular papers were included in the category of official documents that are not sent to every member of the two Houses of Parliament, but only supplied to those who apply for them. Whether it wise to treat despatches of this importance in such a manner is another question. I can add nothing to the full report of the debate that will reach you by this mail, as circumstances prevented my attending the sitting as I had intended doing. Lord Stanley of Alderley, when the Bill is considered in Committee next Thursday, will move to add to clause 2, the following words:—"Provided also that rules made under this Act shall not prohibit questions being asked relating to complaints respecting alleged acts of maladministration within the British territory." If one were to judge solely from the leading columns of the London papers Viscount Cross's unambitious measure is not exciting much interest here. Not a single morning paper published in the Metropolis has a line of comment on last night's debate, but the subject is dealt with at considerable length and with characteristic ability in the columns of the *Manchester Guardian*, which is so extensively read here that it may almost be considered a London paper.

The Earl of Kimberley has, I understand, consented to take the chair at the dinner, which it is proposed to give to Lord Reay, in honour of his wise and statesmanlike administration as Governor of Bombay.

Sir George Campbell is to ask Sir J. Gorst on the 10th inst. on whose account, at whose expense, and on what title Zeylah, Bulhar, and Berbera are occupied by British troops; whether the natives who are represented as raiders have ever recognised the British occupation, or have openly resisted it; whether the late expedition was ordered to carry on a war of punishment by the destruction of wells and private property; and if so whether these orders were given by the Indian or British authorities. It is to be hoped that this formidable question will not interfere with Lord Harris' projected visit to Zeylah and Berbera.

THE newest bonnets, it seems, are to be modelled upon insects' bodies, which may be of gold or silver filagree or any of the glittering materials now used for millinery foundations. The trimming is to imitate their wings, either folded or raised in flight. One lady has used the bee as her model with becoming effect, and an aristocratic milliner has sought inspiration from the butterfly. The only rivals which it is prophesied will have any chance against these ornithological novelties, are the dainty floral bonnets.

H. R. H. PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR IN BOMBAY.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS was early out yesterday morning. After *chota hazri* he was taken to the Ladies' Gymkhana, Malabar Hill, where he enjoyed a game at lawn-tennis. He breakfasted at ten o'clock, and then during the early part of the day he was engaged receiving visitors, among the gentlemen honoured with a reception being Sir Dinshaw Manockjee Petit, Bart., the Hon. Mr. Wadia, and the Hon. Mr. Sayani. About a quarter-past four in the afternoon his Royal Highness drove to the Maidan, where he witnessed a part of the sports, and returned to Government House, through the People's Fair.

THE WESTERN INDIA VOLUNTEER TOURNAMENT.

His Royal Highness attended the tournament yesterday and remained for nearly three-quarters of an hour. He was accompanied by his Excellency Lord Reay and Staff. At the request of his Royal Highness the natives were made to repeat the *gut ka furee*, which is the native style of single stick. Although the men cut some ridiculous capers while performing, they were undoubtedly very smart with hands and feet. The Prince was so pleased with the performance that he requested a repetition of it. The sports yesterday were very successful, and the management of them reflects great credit on the gentlemen who were entrusted with the carrying out of the programme. The attendance was not so large as might have been expected, but this is no doubt owing to the counter-attraction on the Parade Ground. A good deal of work was got through yesterday, though much remains to be done. Yesterday's proceedings were unfortunately marred by an accident that befell a trooper of the Governor's Body Guard who fell from his horse during the sword contest, and dislocated his collar bone; but we are glad to state that he is in no immediate danger. The following are details of the day's events, and the times we are enabled to give were taken by one of Messrs. Lund & Blockley's chronographs:—

100 YARDS FLAT RACES (NATIVES).

There were six entries for this event. They went away well together, but Jacky D'Souza soon showed to the front, closely followed by Ramcharan Tuaria. They came in the order named. Time—11 1-5 secs.

Jacky D'Souza	1
Ramcharan Tuari	2

GUT KA FUREE (NATIVES).

Jacky D'Souza won by scoring full points, while the second man only succeeded in making two.

Jacky D'Souza	1
Luxmon Parshad	2
Dost Mahomed Khan	3

QUARTER-MILE RACE (NATIVES).

Five men faced the starter in this event. Jacky D'Souza took the lead from the start and kept his advantage, with a lot in hand, to the end. Ramcharan Tuari was the only other man fit to enter, and he finished a bad second. Time—1 min. 1½ secs.

Jacky D'Souza	1
Ramcharan Tuari	2

SWORD *vs.* SWORD, MOUNTED (NATIVES).

There were eight entries in this event, which was watched with keen interest by the spectators. In the third while a man of the Poona Horse was engaging Ramchander Chowan of the Governor's Body-guard, the latter unfortunately fell and broke his collar-bone. He was removed to hospital.

Mahomed Kader Khan (P. H.)	1
Mozuffer Khan (P. H.)	2

100 YARDS FLAT RACE (CADETS).

This race was run in heats owing to the number of entries. In the final heat Reid came away from the field of four in fine style, being followed by Williams, and the two were never caught up. Time—11½ secs.

Reid	1
J. Williams	2

100 YARDS FLAT RACE (EUROPEANS).

Eight entered and went away with a good start. Shrigley then came forward, and won easily in the fine time of 9 4-5 seconds. It should be mentioned that there was a high wind blowing from the back of the competitors. Time—9 4-5 secs.

Shrigley (H. L. I.)	1
Vol. W. Smith (B. V. R.)	2

QUARTER-MILE FLAT RACE (CADETS).

There were far too many entries for this event, the consequence being that the start was not a good one, although the starter was not to blame for this. Fido took the lead, and kept it for a good distance. He then gave place to Reid, won by a yard or two. Time—1 min 7½ secs.

Cadet T. Reid	1
Cadet Fido	2

HALF-MILE FLAT RACE (EUROPEANS).

Six men entered for this race, and after a short distance Sawyer came to the front with Kirkpatrick close on his heels. It was a very slow race, the time being 2 min. 37 4-5 secs.

Corpl Sawyer	1
Pte Kirkpatrick	2

HALF-MILE WALKING RACE (CADETS).

There were fifteen entries and all the boys were in full marching order. They walked in a clump for some time, and then began to scatter, Fido in front. Fido finally came in first, closely followed by Reid.

Fido	1
Reid	2

SACK RACE (NATIVES).

A good deal of amusement was caused by this race. The competitors had sacks drawn over them with only their heads out, and they looked very funny as they came hopping along. As was to be expected, many of them fell, and then tried to *roll* along.

Sundai Sing	1
Dost Mahomed Khan	2

LANCE *vs.* LANCE (NATIVES).

Seven men entered for this, of whom six belonged to the Poona Horse. There were only six men who competed however, the outsider being absent. Jamadar Manowar Khan pulled it off with full points, Dafadar Mozuffer Khan being given second prize.

Jam. Manowar Khan	1
Daf. Mozuffer Khan	2

FENCING (EUROPEANS).

This was a very keenly contested event, and the last few ties were witnessed by his Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor. The first was finally adjudged to Sergt. Young of the Gloster Regiment.

Sergt. Young	1
Corpl. Partridge, R.A.	2

VICTORIA CROSS COMPETITION (NATIVES).

This was the most interesting event during the evening. A hurdle was put up over which the men were required to jump. Then they had to dismount and lift dummies, which had been placed there for the purpose, mount, and again jump over the hurdle. The race was run in heats, there being eleven entries. Trumpeter Noor Khan of the Poona Horse won in fine style, Lance Naik Nadir Shah Khan of the same regiment coming next.

Trumpeter Noor Khan	1
Naik Nadir Shah Khan	2

SWORD *vs.* SWORD (EUROPEANS).

There were eight entries and the prizes were given as follows:—

Bombardier Barrett	1
Gunner Nash	2

NEEZA BAZI COMPETITION (EUROPEANS).

In this event the candidate had to life a peg, pierce a cocoanut, and carry away a ring in one course. The result declared was:—

H. Symmons	1
Lieut Gordon	2
D. Cuff	3

NEEZA BAZI COMPETITION (NATIVES).

In this event Nizam Beg and Tookeram Powar of the Governor's Body Guard, divided the first and second prizes as they tied.

Nizam Beg } Tookaram Powar }	Tie.

BEST MAN-AT-ARMS (EUROPEANS).

Gunner Nash of the Royal Artillery defeated eight competitors, and won the first prize.

Gunner Nash	1
Lce Corpl. Ryan	2

SACK RACE (EUROPEAN).

Seven competitors sacked for this race, and Shrigley pulled off the first prize by jumping in first.

Shrigley, H. L. I.	1
Vol. Brown	2

TUG-OF-WAR.

This was between the Sailors and Marines, and was won by the Marines.

THE PRINCE AT THE PEOPLE'S FAIR.

On leaving the athletic sports his Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor drove to the People's Fair on the Esplanade, and informally opened it by driving through the ground between five and six o'clock. The Prince was seated in a carriage drawn by four horses and outriders. H. E. the Governor sat at his left hand, and opposite him sat Captain Holford, while Lady Reay followed in another carriage. The Royal carriage was escorted by a detachment of H. E. the Governor's Body-guard; Col. Wilson, Commissioner of Police, rode beside the carriage, and Captain Macdermott, accompanied by two sowars on horseback, rode in front to clear the way. The fair was organized for the purpose of giving his Royal Highness an idea of what native fairs are like; but it must be admitted the People's Fair far exceeds in splendour, in extent, and symmetry of design, the native fairs we are accustomed to see on the Maidan. Of course, they have not usually a Murzban to plan out the ground for them or to erect and arrange the stalls. The fair ground takes in something like twenty acres, and is planned in the form of a cross, running 1,500 feet from east to west, and cross-wise from north to south, 1,000 feet, having a large circle in the centre, where stands the Murzban Tower, transplanted from Lady Reay's Fancy Fair, while circles are also formed at each of the four points of the cross. There are upwards of two hundred stalls, all of which are filled with all manner of merchandise and fancy goods. Of amusements, too, there are many, while refreshment *buffets* are there, as a matter of course, in plenty. The nearer the visitor approaches the fair, the more he wonders at the splendour of the spectacle. But the exterior view, imposing as it is, hardly prepares one for the dazzling show inside. There are two main entrances at the east and west ends, although admission can be gained at almost any corner. The fair has not been got up for any charitable purpose, nor as a source of gain to any one: it has been organized solely in honour of our Royal guest, and therefore no entrance fee is levied. At the east and west corners, however, as we have said, are what are supposed to be the main entrances. There stand two tall triple triumphal arches. They are Saracenic in design, and painted to represent stone. The central arches are twenty feet in width, and those at the side twelve feet wide each. They are about forty feet in height, so that the imposing nature of the structures may be imagined. They are decorated with works of art in the shape of pictures of men and women, representing native dress and character. Beyond that they are devoid of all adornment; because they are intended more for the purposes of illumination than anything else. Entering at the east end, the point at which his Royal Highness approached the fair last evening, the eye is dazzled with the splendour of the scene. Scarlet, white, and pale blue—the former predominating—are what have been chiefly used in the scheme of colouring. The stalls are dressed in scarlet and white—while posts, barricades, masts, and all woodwork, are painted a pale blue. Immediately to the right on entering, is a platform, where his Royal Highness was greeted with a choir of boys and girls from the Scottish Schools, who sang to the Prince the patriotic song "Three cheers for the Red, White, and Blue," finishing up with a verse of the National Anthem. Principal Macdonald was then presented by Lord Reay to his Royal Highness, and a bouquet of flowers was presented to the Prince by Miss Mabel Campbell, one of the pupils. As the Royal carriage moved on the boys raised a hearty cheer for his Royal Highness. Then followed a scene of the wildest description. The natives who had assembled on the grounds in thousands, and who had gathered round in a solid mass while the carriage was standing, could hardly move, and it was with difficulty the way could be cleared. Then the struggle began, the crowd swaying backwards and forwards, cheering loudly; those in front striving to maintain the position they had already gained in following closely upon the carriage, and those behind struggling to get further in front. It was a wonderful and impressive spectacle, though it is astonishing no one was hurt, for had one stumbled and fallen, it is a question if he would have got up again alive amid such a crush as there was.

Opposite this platform is a bandstand, which was occupied yesterday by the band of the B. B. and C. I. Railway Volunteers, who played the National Anthem as his Royal Highness approached, and performed throughout the evening. Now we come to what might be termed the bazaar, occupied by Borahs with every class of goods to be found in the city bazaar; only the "shops" are very much cleaner, and the stock much more tastefully and temptingly exhibited. The first that strikes the eye are two opposition houses, or tents rather, for on one side of the bandstand, a large signboard announces that Messrs. Pearse and Co. have established a branch at the People's Fair, and are prepared to supply ices and cakes, equal in quality to, and quite as cheap as, at their Church Gate Street establishment; while opposite, Messrs. Morenas and Co. have taken up temporary quarters in a large tent, from which, as one passes, an inviting odour of good tea assails the nostrils. To the right of this we come to another platform, where last evening his Royal Highness made a second halt to hear the children of the Alexandra Girls' School sang to him "God Bless the Prince of Wales." On the conclusion of the chorus, Miss Furdonji Servai decorated his Royal Highness with a garland of flowers, while Miss Sunabai Jehangir Mugasett, grand-daughter of Mr. Murzban, presented the Prince with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. H. E. the Governor then presented Miss Manockjee, grand-daughter of the founder of the institution, to his Royal Highness, who, to the evident delight of the little girl, was graciously pleased to shake hands with her.

Further on to the left we find that Mr. Pallonjee, confectioner, has taken up quarters on behalf of the Indian Temperance Association, whose motto, as displayed on the signboard, is "Loyalty, Virtue, Temperance." Mr. Pallonjee wishes it to be understood from the board he exhibits at his door, that he has "no licence," and requires none; there can be "no drunkenness" resulting from a visit to his premises, for his is "no grog-shop." Mr. Pallonjee has an opposition restaurant not very far away, however, namely, the Oriental *Cafe Chantant* kept by Messrs. Rustomjee Framjee and Company, one of the most attractive establishments in the whole fair. Both Europeans and Natives can be served here with any kind of refreshment they please. To the right is a long bar filled with native cakes and sweets; while of drinks the pleasure-seeker may indulge in either fiery country liquor or the harmless half-anna bottle of soda-water, as may suit his taste. The other bar stretching to the left is for Europeans, and there the restaurateurs are licensed to dispense the refreshing "peg" and soda, as well as the non-obriating tea or coffee. For the small sum of four annas admittance may be gained to the *Rung Mundir* or *Cafe Chantant* beyond. The centre portion, after the manner of such places of entertainment, is all set with small round-tables and chairs, while at the further end opposite the door is a stage, with crimson and white draped proscenium. Messrs. Rustomjee Framjee and Co. have been lavish in their decorations. There is no roof to the saloon, but it is arched over with bamboos running crosswise, from which in the centre are suspended crystal chandeliers, and round the sides clusters of Chinese lanterns. Although a *Rung Mundir*, it is a place where Europeans as well as Natives will find much to amuse, if the programmes each night are as attractive as that provided yesterday. At six o'clock a concert was given by a band of *gavaias*, who sang to the accompaniment of *sitar* and *bin*. Later on a really clever performance was given by native gymnasts and acrobats from the Kasrat Mandli. At nine a most interesting entertainment was given in the shape of an optical diorama, kindly lent by Mr. S. N. Bhedwar, and then between ten and eleven o'clock a troupe of native women of Cashmere, called Bhanuniatees, performed some wonderful feats.

Another of the entertainments is what is mysteriously called the "Grand Exhibition of Occult Phenomena in connection with electricity,"—whatever that may mean—and then further along we find four barricades intended for "Hindu tamashas" and the performance of the "*Lalit*" or old Hindu religious farces. These latter may be seen without payment of any fee, although those who choose may be accommodated with one of the front seats for one anna. Mr. Laughton, too, is there with his phonograph, and the Fish Pond from Lady Reay's Fancy Fair is set up in a prominent place, so that it will be seen there is no lack of entertainments at the People's Fair, while for the younger visitors there are, close by the west entrance, a merry-go-round and swings. The tigers, horses, rams, &c., of the merry-go-round, are fearfully and wonderfully made, and curiosities in their way, of Indian carving, but they serve their purpose, the screams of delight of the children as they are whirled rapidly round, being as hearty as if they were riding on the hobby-horses of the more imposing steam arrangement which we saw at Lady Reay's Fair, and which is again to do duty at the Victoria Gardens *fete*.

Coming back to the shops we find the Fort Coach Factory have put up a show-room near the centre of the cross; and next to it is a platform, whereon yesterday the children of the Students' Literary and Scientific Society's Schools sang in Mahrathi "God Save the Queen," set to a native tune. Here, again, we are met by another refreshment-room, a temperance one this time—kept by Mr. Dinshaw Sorabjee, at whose shop tea and coffee are warranted pure and good. Proceeding further on we find a jeweller's shop, where gold and silver medals of H. R. H. Prince Albert Victor are meeting with a ready sale. At any rate, they did so yesterday. At one of the corners we come to a maze, which has been artfully constructed by Mr. Murzban, and which is a source of great amusement. At the north end also there is a very pretty picture in the shape of a fountain spouting up jets of clear water from the centre of a temporary plantation of shrubs.

In the midst of all stands the Murzban Tower, but slightly altered, since last we saw it at Lady Reay's Fair. It redounds to Mr. Murzban's skill as an engineer in having, in so short a time, taken to pieces and re-erected the structure at another spot. Placing so firm a foundation for the sixteen massive pillars which form the body of the tower is no light task, and it was a by no means ordinary piece of work to get the erection completed in time. The construction of the tower has not been altered, but instead of a dome at the summit it has been brought to a peak, the cap, if it may be so called, being of fret work. The idea of making it so, has been that it might show off to better effect when illuminated.

Having spent about half an hour in the Fair, his Royal Highness took his departure by the western gateway, and drove to Malabar Hill.

THE FAIR BY NIGHT.

After the Prince left, the dense crowds which peopled the fair ground did not grow thinner. The place if anything became more crowded; and when darkness set in, and the fair was seen in all its glory of thirteen thousand lamps, from end to end was one swaying mass of people. The work of lighting up was commenced early, so that as the sun gradually set, the lamps began as if by magic power to simultaneously shed forth their red, green, and blue gleams. The top of the Murzban Tower was of course the best point of vantage to witness the illuminations. But it was no very easy matter to reach the top. The Tower was better patronised than it was at the Fancy Fair, and all night a steady stream kept moving up and down the spiral stair; but great care was taken, although it could easily hold two hundred without any danger, not to allow more than a fourth of that number to go up at one time. The view from the top was really charming, indeed it was only from the top of the tower any idea could be gained of the tasteful symmetry of the plan. To all appearance, with its thousands of little *buttees*, it looked like a huge Latin cross, studded with jewels of every hue, or it might even have been compared to a garden in Fairy-land—wherever that may be—whose flowers were fiery jewels. To the north the first object to attract attention was the Saracenic arch, which was, to use a stereotyped phrase, a blaze of light. The lamps used were of red, green, yellow, and blue,—red across the top, green intermixed with yellow down the outer sides, while the pillars supporting the central arch were clad in blue buttees. Along the pathway leading, from the arch towards the centre of the grounds, stood posts supporting various devices, picked out with coloured lights; and between these posts were suspended lines bearing many-coloured buttees. The bandstand occupied by the B. B. and C. I. Railway Volunteer Band was also brilliantly illuminated. stretching to north and south of the tower the paths were lit in similar fashion, while westwards, looking towards the Bori Bunder, the line of light seemed interminable, the buttees being so arranged as to convey the idea of great distance, the arch facing the street appearing a long way off. But to the west side the object which attracted most attention was Messrs. Rustomjee Framjee and Company's Café Chantani, which, with it crystal chandeliers and Chinese lanterns, presented a most brilliant scene. Then, a little to the west of that, the fountain with its basin of water reflecting the many, coloured lights which encircled it, made another pretty picture. The illumination of the tower itself deserves special praise, Mr. Murzban has certainly improved on the eff

45 long lights and 50 rockets, each from the flag-ship which are to be used for the display ordered.

H. M. S. Crocodile is to make the best arrangements possible, applying to the Director of Indian Marine for rockets, &c.

The following is the arrangement for the illumination of the Boadicea, which will probably take place between 9 and 10 p.m. (subject to alteration). The motions of my flag-ship in lighting up and extinguishing lights are to be followed as closely as possible.

PROGRAMME.

Preparative gun.
Bouquet of rockets.
Light up red lights.
Bouquet of rockets.
Light up white lights.
Bouquet of rockets.
Light up blue lights.
Bouquet of rockets.
Light up Roman candles, 25 on poop, 25 on forecastle.
Gun fires, finish of illumination at intervals of five minutes.

All ships are to have pumps rigged, hoses led along, and water in buckets on deck, so as to be prepared to extinguish any sparks at once, and care is to be taken to have all fireworks covered with tarpaulins, only the number required for the next display being taken out at one time.

Experimental illumination can take place any time on the evening of the 25th instant.

(Sd.) E. R. FREMANTLE,
Rear-Admiral, Commander-in-Chief.

THE CORRESPONDENCE ON THE INDIAN COUNCILS BILL.

A PARLIAMENTARY paper was issued on Saturday, 1st inst., giving extracts from the correspondence which has passed relating to the numbers and functions of the several Councils in India. It begins with an extract from a minute of Lord Dufferin's, dated Nov. 6, 1888, in which he says :—

"For my own part, I think that a yearly financial discussion in the Viceroy's Legislative Council would prove a very useful and desirable arrangement, and a very convenient preliminary to the subsequent debate which takes place on Indian finances in the House of Commons later in the year. I do not by this mean that votes should be taken in regard to the various items of the Budget, or that the heads of expenditure should be submitted in detail to the examination of the Council, but simply that an opportunity should be given for a full, free, and thorough criticism and examination of the financial policy of the Government. Some such change as this would, I believe, prove as beneficial to the Indian Administration as it would be in accordance with the wishes of the European and Native mercantile world of India. At present the Government is exposed to every kind of misapprehension and misrepresentation in regard to its figures and its statement of their results. Were the matter to be gone into thoroughly and exhaustively on the occasion I suggest by independent critics, who, however anxious to detect a blot or to prove the Government in the wrong, would be at all events masters of their subject and cognisant of the technicalities and intricacies of Indian finance, the result would be far more advantageous to the financial reputation of the Indian Government as well as more conducive to the improvement of our financial system than are the present perfunctory Indian financial debates in the House of Commons and the imperfect exposition of Indian finance in some of the English newspapers.

"The second change in the procedure of the Supreme Legislative Council which I am inclined to recommend is that, under proper restrictions to be laid down by the Viceroy, its members should be permitted to ask questions in reference to current matters of domestic as distinguished from those of imperial interest that may have attracted public attention. One of the great dangers of the present situation is the facility with which that section of the press which is bent upon holding up English rule to the hatred and contempt of the people can go on day after day attributing to the Government intentions of inaugurating some obnoxious policy, until they have worked up large sections of the community into a state of excitement and alarm; or else of inventing or exaggerating facts, upon which they subsequently comment in a most malicious manner, with the view of producing a disquieting effect upon the public mind, and infusing into it a spirit of disloyalty and discontent. Under existing circumstances the Government of India has no means of controlling or neutralising the effect of these mischievous practices. It has no adequate medium through which it can explain its policy, correct a wrong impression, or controvert a false statement, and, though up to the present time the consequences of the evils I have indicated may not have become very serious or widespread, they contain the germs of incalculable danger. Consequently it would prove as great an advantage to the Administration as it would frequently be a satisfaction to the members of the Council and the public at large, if reasonable opportunities were afforded of communicating to those interested the exact facts in regard to any questionable matter."

This is enclosed in a Despatch to the Secretary of State from the Viceroy in Council (May 25, 1889) asking the Secretary of State to consider what steps should be taken to give effect to the above. It points out that the terms of sect. 19 of the Indian Councils Act prevent the Council from entering upon any other business than that immediately connected with the work of legislation, and by an extract from Sir C. Wood's despatch of Aug. 9, 1861, shows that this was an intention deliberately adopted by the framers of the Act. The despatch proceeds.—

"We are anxious to explain in reference to this question that in our opinion the Budget should be submitted to the Legislative Council for discussion and criticism only, and that no power should be given to make a motion regarding it still less to withhold supplies; and we would therefore allow no motion to be made or resolution taken with regard to any Budget, except so far as it depended on legislation, in which case members would be entitled to their usual rights. We would certainly not make the financial arrangements of the Government dependent on the passing of an Appropriation Bill. The advantages to be derived from the public discussion of the Budget would, in our opinion, be found in the exposure of unpopular features in the opportunity afforded for explanation, and in the suggestion which would be obtained for future guidance; but it would be impossible, under our system of Government, to reconstruct a Budget because it did not meet the approval of the Legislative Council, and it would be unwise to encourage divisions, which would only serve to emphasise the existence of a permanent Government majority.

"We have not excluded from our consideration the fact that an opportunity for the discussion of the Budget might be provided, either by bringing on a Budget debate in connection with any measure directly or indirectly raising financial issues, in the same way as such a debate was allowed this year in connection with the introduction of the Patwari Bill, or even by making it our practice to introduce in every session of the Council some financial measure which might afterwards be dropped, but the introduction of which would afford an occasion for a financial discussion. This expedient, which in fact approaches to an evasion of the statute, is not one to which it would in our opinion be desirable to resort. We consider, moreover, that the exercise of the right which we propose to confer upon the Legislative Council should be secured to it by law, and should not depend upon facilities which it would be in the discretion of the Government for the time being to afford or to withhold.

"In regard to the second proposed modification, it follows, from the argument which we have already advanced, that the right of interpellation could not, in our opinion, be admitted without an alteration of the law. We desire to add that, while Lord Dufferin considered that questions should be restricted to "current matters of domestic as distinguished from those of Imperial interest," we are of opinion that there will be an advantage in conceding a large measure of liberty in this respect. It appears to us that occasions may frequently present themselves in which it would be extremely desirable, in the interests of the Government of India; that questions should be addressed to it even upon matters which it would, *prima facie*, be necessary to enumerate among those excluded from public discussion, if any class or classes of subjects were to be so excluded.

"In connection with the matter of interpellation, we also desire to say that, having considered the safeguards under which the right, if conceded to members of the Council, should be exercised, we think that for the present it will be sufficient to provide that due notice should be given to the Secretary of the Council of any question which a member may desire to ask; and that the President, after communication with the Department of the Government concerned, should be empowered, without giving reasons, to declare that such a question must not be put. We think that the length of the notice to be given, and all other details should be reserved to be embodied in regulations to be framed by the Governor-General in Council and capable of alteration from time to time.

"We desire, in conclusion, to express our decided opinion that, if the two changes of procedure which we have described are admitted in the case of the Legislative Council of the Government of India, it will be desirable to extend them (perhaps with some further reservations as to the Budget) to the Provincial Legislative Councils."

This despatch is followed by one from the Secretary of State, dated Aug. 1, 1889, as follows :—

"My Lord Marquess,—I have considered in Council the statement made by your Excellency in the course of remarks addressed to your Council when assembled for the purpose of making laws and regulations, on March 29 last, that it is the opinion of the Government of India—

"(*a*) That the opportunities accorded to the Council for passing under review the financial situation of the country should occur with regularity and independently of the necessity of financial legislation in any particular year; and

"(*b*) That members of the Council ought to have, under proper safeguards, the right of addressing questions to the Government upon matters of public interest.

"I fully concur with your Government that it ought always to be possible to obtain for the public the benefits which are certainly derived from the discussions of the Budget, and which I have no doubt will be derived from the reasonable exercise by members of the Council of the right of interpellation. Subject, therefore, to any observations which your Excellency's Government may in the meantime offer for my consideration, I propose to make at a suitable opportunity an application to Parliament for such an extension of the powers of the Governor-General's Council (when assembled for legislative purposes), and of the Provincial Councils also, as will authorise the discussion of the Budget independently of any proposed legislation, and as will also give members the right, under certain restrictions, of addressing questions to the Government—and I propose further to take the same opportunity of asking for powers to increase the number of additional members of the several Councils. I think the time has come when it is desirable that the public opinion should be more largely and variously represented. And this may, in my opinion, be best effected by a simple extension of the existing system, such as will, by increasing the number of nominations to the Councils, extend the circle of selection, so as to secure so far as circumstances admit, due representations of considerable sections of the community and of the administrative knowledge and experience in the principal departments of the various Governments.

"I enclose, for your Excellency's consideration, twelve copies of a draft Bill which has been prepared with the object of carrying these proposals into effect, and of dealing with certain cognate subjects which have been brought under my notice by your Excellency in Council.—I have, &c.,

(Signed) "CROSS."

The draft Bill was enclosed. Then follow the remarks thereon of the Viceroy in Council, contained in a Despatch, dated Dec. 24, 1889, stating that the Government of Madras approved the Bill; the Lieutenant-Governor of the N.-West Provinces and Chief Commissioner of Oude also accepted, suggesting a verbal amendment with the view of making it clear that the privilege of asking Governors should not be confined to the discussion of the Budget. The Bombay Government were divided, the Governor approving, with a slight amendment, while other members of the Government objected to its main provisions, and deprecated the enlargement of the Council, the discussion of the Budget, and the interpellation clause. They also suggested that the maximum of additional members should be 14 instead of 20, and urged that there should be power to nominate Native Chiefs of States under the political control of the Local Government. They also took this objection to sec. 3 :—"That it would enable the Governor-General in Council in concert with the local Councils to entirely defeat the legislation of his own Council intended for all India." The Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal considered the maximum number of additional members fixed by the draft Bill to be too low, and recommended extension to 30. He further desired that the nature of the restrictions to be imposed on the discussion of the Budget and upon the asking of questions, if it could not be indicated in the Bill, should at least be clearly explained in bringing it before Parliament, so that there might be no ground for misunderstanding or recrimination in the future. He gave an illustration of the inconvenience which might possibly arise from the discussion of the Provincial Budget touching upon questions of Imperial finance, which it would be difficult for the Local Government adequately to deal with, and expressed his apprehension that such a discussion might possibly lead to "a hostile resolution." He therefore suggested that an alteration in the existing system of provincial contracts should be made which could admit of dividing the annual financial statement into two parts, one of which, dealing only with the receipts and expenditure fixed by contract, should not be laid before the Council at all, while the other, dealing with those items of revenue which are entirely within the control of the Local Government, should be submitted for discussion. As regards the right of asking questions, he suggested that it should be clearly made known beforehand that the right would be confined to a single question and answer, and that matters still under discussion with superior authority, or which had recently been under such discussion, should not be the subject of interpellation save with the previous consent of the superior authority.

"The Despatch of the Viceroy in Council proceeded :—The majority of us are of opinion that there should be no increase in the number of members composing the Governor-General's Council, and that its enlargement to the extent proposed will have the effect of adding to expenditure without increasing efficiency, or satisfying the demands of those who advocate the creation of a much larger Council. As regards local Councils, we are unanimously opposed to the reduction of the minimum number of councillors below eight, as recommended by the Government of Bombay. Some of us would prefer to adopt for general application to all provinces a larger maximum than any of those provided for in the Bill, upon the understanding that it should be worked up to by degrees. We are, however, unanimously of opinion that an increase up to the number specified in the draft may safely be accepted.

"Referring to the second section of the Bill, we do not think it possible or desirable that rules as to the discussion of the Financial Statement or the right of interpellation, which in the nature of things must vary from time to time, should, as suggested by the Bombay Government, be embodied in the Act. It would, however, be desirable, in order to avoid misapprehension, to add to the section a proviso that it shall not be competent for any member of Council to propose any resolution, or divide the Council, in respect of any matter arising out of any financial discussion, or the answer to any question permitted by the Act of the rules made under it. Such a proviso would obviate the apprehension suggested by the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal regarding the discussion of the Budget."

THE SIEGE OF LUCKNOW.

A CORRESPONDENT, signing himself "G. H. L.," writes to the *Times* to destroy one of the most fondly cherished stories of the Indian mutiny. Referring to Miss Roselle's recital of the "Siege of Lucknow" at the Empire Theatre, in which is told the story of the Scotch girl, whose quick ear caught the distant sound of the bagpipes while the besieged were in sore distress, he says :—I have always maintained that this story of the bagpipes is a myth; and it is on such like unstable foundations that history is often based. As it is nearly 33 years since the siege of Lucknow and the actors therein are rapidly passing off the stage, it would be well to ask, once for all—Who was the Scotch girl of whom this tale is told? I shall be very much surprised to hear that the 78th Highlanders, and to them the story must refer, who came with the first relief to Lucknow, had any bagpipes with them. There was no triumphal entry into the Lucknow Residency, the position occupied by the beleaguered garrison. Before the succouring force could reach the Bailey Guard-gate of the Residency it had to fight every step of the way up to the very gate, through miles of streets; and I can now recall the rush of the first party, among them Outram. The gate was at the time closed, and a side entrance had to be made by breaking through the wall, to enable the troops to enter. Under such circumstances, where could the bagpipes have been played? In the "Diary of the Defence of Lucknow," by a staff officer, an authentic record, it is stated that about 12 o'clock, September 25, "The sound of musketry and the smoke of guns was distinctly perceived within the limits of this city. At 5 p.m. volleys of musketry, rapidly growing louder, were heard in the city. Five minutes later, and our troops were seen fighting their way through one of the principal streets. Of 2,600 who left Cawnpore, nearly one-third were either killed or wounded in forcing their way through the city." Under these circumstances, who could have been playing bagpipes? If any evidence to the contrary is forthcoming, it should now be given; or let the fiction, however pretty, be exploded.

THE following is a statement of the traffic receipts of the Indian Midland Railway for the week ending 15th March :—From merchandise, Rs. 36,579; passenger and other earnings, Rs. 32,184; total, Rs. 68,763, as against the corresponding period last year, when they were Rs. 71,749; thus showing a decrease this year of Rs. 2,986.

ARRIVAL OF THE OVERLAND MAILS OF THE 7TH MARCH.

THE P. and O. Co.'s s. s. Thames, Captain W. A. Seaton with the English mails of the 7th March, arrived off the Apollo Bunder at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. The following is the list of passengers :—

FROM LONDON.

Lady Harris and child	Mr and Mrs Norman
Surg-Major Martin	Mr A J Molloy and Son
Lieut Jervis	Miss Mant
Mr and Mrs Cocks and child	Rev J H Gill and 2 sons
Capt Hastings	Moung Ba shin
Mr and Mrs Warden	Moung Myin
Mr A Robertson	Mr harlesworth
Surg-Major Thomson	Mr Hart Davies
Mrs and Miss Wheeler	Mr R H G Irvine
Mrs E R Elles	Mr J C Ellis
Mr A Mercer	Mr W Macdonald
Mr Grundy	Col Campbell Walker
Mr Wa staff	Mr W Harris
Miss Abbott	Mr Edwards
Miss J Abbott	Mr J H Youel
Miss Pink	

FROM BRINDISI.

Mr and Mrs Tweedy	Mr W Grant
Mrs Lee Warner	Mr G F Kellner
Hon Mrs Hutchins	Mr Brown
Dr and Mrs Tuhoy and Infant	Capt and Mrs Chapman
	Mr Hamilton
Mr and Mrs A J Freeman	Mr P de Saone
Mr W Pigott	Mr Fusier
Mr Jacob	Mr Cre
Mr and Mrs A Home	Mr Wallach
Miss Wodehouse	Lt-Col and Mrs E Molloy
Dr A P Pollen	Mr D Irvine
Miss Holland	Mr A C Cavendish
Mr R Beech	Mr C Wagner
Mr O Hall	Mr R Craig

FROM ADEN.

Judge A H Unwin	Mr Carlos Salmas

THE WEEK'S MAIL SUMMARY.

LONDON, MARCH 7.

The Queen on Wednesday held a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace, when upwards of 100 ladies were presented. Her Majesty returned to Windsor last evening.

The Prince of Wales, who was accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh and Prince George of Wales, on Tuesday formally opened the new Forth Railway Bridge. The Royal party were subsequently present at a luncheon, the company at which comprised many foreign engineers.

In the House of Lords on Monday Lord Salisbury made a statement in reference to Mr. Labouchere's imputations with regard to the flight of Lord A. Somerset, to the effect that he met Sir Dighton Probyn at King's Cross Station, and told him that, in the opinion of those competent to judge, there was no evidence against any but one man. He certainly never suggested anything to defeat the ends of justice. On Tuesday Lord Salisbury, replying to a question from Lord Beauchamp, said, as the Report of the Special Commission dealt largely with imputations against members of the other House, he thought it more courteous to allow the House of Commons first to take what action it might deem fit. Last night the Indian Councils Bill was read a second time with general approval, except that Lords Northbrook and Ripon expressed regret that the elective principle had not been more fully recognized.

In the House of Commons on Friday last, Mr. Labouchere moved a reduction in the Civil Service vote, in order to call attention to certain scandals, and he imputed to the Government a desire to hush up the matter, actually charging Lord Salisbury with assisting Lord A. Somerset to escape from the country. The Attorney-General read a letter from Lord Salisbury repudiating any such suggestion, whereupon Mr. Labouchere declared that he did not believe Lord Salisbury. The Chairman intervened, but Mr. Labouchere refused to withdraw the expression, and, on the motion of Mr. W. H. Smith, he was suspended from service in the House by a vote of 177 against 96. The matter being reported to the Speaker, the resolution was confirmed by 178 against 97. On Monday Mr. Gladstone gave notice of a resolution with regard to Mr. Labouchere's suspension. Mr. W. H. Smith then moved that the Report of the Special Commissioners be accepted, and that they be thanked for the same. Mr. Gladstone, in a long speech contended that, on the whole, the parties accused had been exculpated, and taunted the Ministry with having negotiated through Lord Carnarvon with Mr. Parnel in 1885. Sir M. Hicks-Beach replied, and at midnight the debate was adjourned. On Tuesday the debate was continued by Mr. Lockwood, Mr. H. Matthews, and other members, including Mr. T. Harrington, who read alleged interpretations of cipher messages to *The Times'* agents in America with a view to induce Sheridan and General Millen to become witnesses before the Commission. The debate was resumed on Wednesday in a very thinly-attended House. The debate was resumed last night. Sir C. Russell objected that there was no precedent for thanking the Judges for their Report, and contended that the charges made against Irish members had been substantially disproved. The Attorney-General followed, and generally discussed the proceedings before the Special Commission. The debate was continued by Mr. E. Harrington, Colonel Saunderson, and Mr. J. M'Carthy, and at midnight was again adjourned.

Captain Bryce, a well-known gentleman rider, died on Saturday from injuries sustained on the previous day while riding in a steeplechase at Kempton Park.

OBITUARY :—General J. Liptrott, B. Inf.; Capt. D. Chesney, B.C.S.; Sir Edward Baines; Sir J Ingham; Gen. Goodwyn, C. B.; Rev. Lord T. Hay; Hon. and Rev. H. F. Toleemache; Admiral Ellis; Commander Veitch; Mr. T. W. Saunders; Mr. R. N. Philips; Mr T. Hughes; Mr. Abraham Lincoln; Lady St. Maur.

At a Ministerial Council held in Paris on Saturday, M. Constans, Minister of the Interior, resigned his post in consequence of the appointment of a deputy to the position of President of the Court of Cassation, which, he insisted, should, as usual, be conferred upon a magistrate. M. Bourgeois has since been appointed to the Ministry of the Interior.

In the French Chamber on Monday a discussion was raised by a Radical deputy on the policy of the Government, to which M. Tirard, the Premier, replied, and eventually a vote of confidence in the Ministry was carried by 249 votes against 200.

It is generally believed at Vienna that a Treaty of Alliance has been signed between Servia and Montenegro.

The reported application of the Bulgarian Government to the Porte for the recognition of Prince Ferdinand has not been viewed favourably at Vienna.

Serious disasters are reported from the United States. Extensive floods in the Western States have caused great destruction of property. The town of Carthage, Missouri, was partially destroyed by a cyclone. In Virginia the crops have been destroyed by snow storms, and much destress exists. At New York and Boston the snow is seven inches deep.

THE RAILWAY COLLISION AT CARLISLE.

A FEARFUL accident occurred at the north end of the Citadel Station at Carlisle at half-past three o'clock on Tuesday morning, 4th inst., to the Scotch express which left Euston at eight o'clock on Monday night. When the train arrived at Carlisle half an hour late the brakes failed to act in consequence, it is presumed, of the slippery state of the rails caused by a fall of sleet, and the train rushed through the station at the rate of twenty miles an hour, and when it got 200 yards beyond the platform it came into collision with the Caledonian Company's engine, which was coming up to the platform to take the express on to Scotland. The force of the impact was terrific. The express engine retained its position on the line and drove the Caledonian engine back down the incline for a considerable distance. There were eight or nine vehicles in the express train, and with one or two exceptions they kept the rails; but the first two carriages, one a third-class and the other a composite first-and-third class, were telescoped. The front end of the second carriage was driven nearly half-way through the one in front, the inside of which was completely wrecked. The partitions were knocked out, the floor was turn up, and the seats were smashed. The first two compartments were empty. In the third compartment were three passengers, two men and a woman, all of whom were killed. The two men, who are supposed to have been lying on one of the seats, must have been crushed to death. The woman who had been reclining on the other seat had her throat dreadfully cut. The two compartments behind were also wrecked, and a young man in one of them was found to be dead when extricated. The cries of the injured and terrified passengers were very distressing, and the railway officials worked assiduously to extricate them from their critical position. Several of the travellers were severely injured. One of them was taken in an ambulance to the Infirmary, and others to the County Hotel.

A passenger in the second carriage in the train states that at Tring he asked the guard if anything was wrong, a van having been detached at that place. The guard replied that it was all right, and said the vacuum brake had frozen, and that they were working with the common brake. Evidence on this point will probably be given at the inquest.

THE FRACAS BETWEEN OFFICERS AT DOVER.

THE mail brings details of the military fracas, the result of which is announced in this morning's telegrams :—

A Court-Martial was held on March 3 at the Shaft Barracks, Dover, on Captain Campbell, an officer in the 2nd batt. (Princess Victoria's) Royal Irish Rifles, who was charged with being guilty of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, by striking in the face with his fist Lieut. Gray of the same regiment. The members of the Court were drawn from the garrison at Canterbury, Shorncliffe, and Dover, the following constituting the Board :—Col. the Hon. W. J. Stewart, assistant commandant Cavalry Depot, Canterbury; Col. Brooke Meares, 2nd Royal Fusiliers; Lieut.-Col. Jones, R. A., Major Stopford Sackville, Rifle Brigade; Major Blake, Lincoln Regt.; Major Pryer, Leinster Regt.; Major Davidson, 8th Hussars; Major Gosset R.E.; and Major Thring, R.A. The proceedings were conducted by the Deputy Judge-Advocate (Col. Eardley Wilmot), the prosecutor being Major Reeves, of the Royal Irish Fusiliers. Capt. Campbell pleaded "Guilty" to the charge. In his evidence Lieut. Gray said that on the night of Feb. 12 he was in the billiard-room at the officers' mess, playing pool with Capt. Campbell and other officers. Capt. Campbell had bad luck and lost his temper. He was put out of pool, and he taxed the witness with not keeping the accounts properly. The witness said he could take his oath that he had not allowed more than three days to remain unposted, and Capt. Campbell said he could take his oath that he had. The witness said if he would take his oath to that, he would take his oath to a lie, whereupon Capt. Campbell struck him twice in the face with his fist. In the afternoon of the same day the witness had posted up the pool, and he had since ascertained that Capt. Campbell looked at the book previous to its being entered; therefore he could see how Capt. Campbell made the mistake in thinking he was not speaking the truth. Evidence was also given by Lieut. Sandys and Capt. Brinckman. The latter stated that Capt. Campbell and Lieut. Gray had always been excellent friends until this *fracas*. Col. Cox said that Capt. Campbell got on very well with his brother officers, and the greatest harmony and good feeling prevailed among all the officers at the mess. So far as he was aware, there was not the slightest ill-feeling between Capt. Campbell and Lieut. Gray at any time. Capt. Campbell handed in a statement in mitigation of punishment, in which he said he regretted his error all the more from the fact that he and Lieut. Gray had always been good friends. There was a misunderstanding about the entering of the pool, and when the word "lie" was used by a junior officer in the presence of others, it was a greater provocation than his temper could stand. The terrible suspense of the past three weeks, combined with the physical suffering and restraint caused by his arrest, would he hoped, be taken into consideration by the Court. At the conclusion of Capt. Cambell's statement, the Court was closed. According to our telegram Captain Campbell has been sentenced to lose a year's seniority.

OPENING OF THE FORTH BRIDGE.

THE Prince of Wales, who was accompanied by Prince George of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, and the Duke of Fife, arrived in Edinburgh on Monday evening, 3rd inst., in order to conduct the opening ceremony at the Forth Bridge on the following day. His Royal Highness was presented with an address by the Municipal authorities, to which he replied in suitable terms. The royal train, at the close of the reception proceedings, went on to Dalmeny, where the Prince of Wales and party were received by Lord Rosebery, whose guests they were during their stay in the north.

The ceremony of formally opening the Forth Bridge was performed by the Prince of Wales next day under favourable circumstances. Spectators assembled at all convenient points to witness the passage of the Royal train along the Bridge. The special train conveying the director and invited guests left the Waerley Station in the morning in two portions, the first punctually at 10.45, and the second, to which the Royal carriages were attached, ten minutes later. Among those who travelled by these trains were the directors of the Forth Bridge Company and of the four companies interested in the undertaking—namely, the North British, the Midland, the Great Northern, and the North-Eastern. They included the Marquis of Tweeddale, Lord Colville of Culross, the Earl of Elgin, Mr. M. W. Thompson (now Sir Mathew William Thompson), Mr. J. Dent Dent, Mr. J. Hall Renton, and Mr. Wemyss. The general company included the Earl of Wemyss, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Polwarth, the Bishop of Lichfield, Admiral Lord John Hay, Major-General Lyttelton Annesley, Lord Kingsborough, the Solicitor-General for Scotland, M.P., the Dean of Faculty, M.P., Major-General Hutchinson, Major Marindin, Mr. Thorburn, M.P., Mr. Wilson, M.P., the Very Rev. Dr. Cameron Lees, the Lord Provosts of Edinburgh and Glasgow, and the Provosts of Stirling, Dunfermline, and other Scottish burghs. There were also present numerous representatives of foreign railway companies and societies of engineers, and of the French, Austrian, and Hungarian armies. Of the distinguished foreigners may be mentioned M. Eiffel, M. Picquard, and Herr Martens. The first train reached the Forth Bridge station at a quarter past eleven, and without stopping steamed along the bridge. The Royal train having followed was shunted to the low-level line and made its way to North Queensferry Pier. There the steam launch Dolphin was in waiting to convey the Royal party and the directors over the Firth and to afford a view of the bridge from the sea. They then returned again to the North Queensferry Pier. The order of the trains in recrossing the bridge was reversed, the Royal portion going first. In the middle of the north connecting girder the train stopped to allow the Prince of Wales to perform the ceremony of driving the last rivet. A temporary wooden staging had been erected there, and upon it His Royal Highness stepped, along with Lord Tweeddale, Lord Rosebery, and Mr. Arrol. The hydraulic rivetter was swung from one of the booms, the pressure being supplied from an accumulator at Inchgarvie. Two men were placed on the boom below to manipulate the machine. The gilded rivet having been placed in the bolt hole, and the silver key having been handed to His Royal Highness by Lord Tweeddale, the Prince, with Mr. Arrol's assistance, finished the work in a few seconds, amid cheers. The rivet is in the outside of the boom, and holds together three plates. Around its gilded top there is an inscription stating the "last rivet, driven in by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, 4th March, 1890." The train stopped a second time at the south great cantilever pier where another platform had been erected, upon which several ladies were standing. Here the Prince again left the train, at half-past one o'clock, to make the formal declaration of the opening of the bridge. As the wind was blowing a perfect gale, so that His Royal Highness had difficulty in retaining a steady foothold, it was impossible to make a speech. He, therefore, simply said:—"Ladies and gentlemen, I now declare the Forth Bridge open." Hearty cheers greeted the announcement, and the Prince having returned to his carriage, the train moved slowly along to the Forth Bridge Station.

This closed the ceremony proper, but there followed at two o'clock a banquet in the model-room at the bridge works, Mr. M. W. Thompson, chairman of the Bridge Company and the Midland Railway Company, in the chair. Responding to the toast of the Royal Family, the Prince of Wales recalled the fact that thirty years ago he drove the last rivet of the Victoria Bridge over the St. Lawrence at Montreal, which contained one million rivets, as against the eight millions of the Forth Bridge. Remarking that the cantilever principle had been known to the Chinese for ages, he stated that the bridge itself was 1,780 yards long or 2,765 yards, including its approaches. The weight of steel used was 51,000 tons, the extreme height from the river 270ft., and from the deepest foundation 452ft., while the rails were 156½ft. above high water mark. About twenty-five acres of surface would have to be painted, and forty-two miles of bent plates had been used in the tubes, and the cost of the bridge itself had been £2,500,000. His Royal Highness further announced amid cheers that barnetcies had been conferred on the chairman and Sir T. Fowler, the engineer, Mr. B. Baker, the latter's colleague, had been created a K.C.M.G., and Mr. W. Errol, the contractor, would be knighted. The Prince also rendered a tribute to the assistance given by Mr. Wieland, the secretary.

ON the 4th instant, the Madras Government reviewed the report of the Director of Public Instruction, for the year 1888-89, and said that on the whole the progress of education "showed a decided improvement on the advance made in the previous year, and reflected credit on the Director and his officers. With the complete removal of the disturbance caused by the school-fee notification, the provision of a more adequate test for upper secondary education than the matriculation examination has supplied, and the more consistent enforcement of the essential conditions of recognition, it may be hoped that education will in future improve more rapidly both in quality and extent.

THE PLOT AGAINST PRINCE FERDINAND.

THE further prosecution of the inquiry into the Panitza plot continues to reveal its wide ramifications in Bulgaria and (the Sophia correspondent of the *Standard* says) the official character of the support accorded to it by Russia. Among the documents seized in M. Kalubkoff's house at Rustchuck, the principal letters are those from Jacobsen, the dragoman of the Russian Legation at Bucharest, mostly composed in the cipher, of which the key was found in Major Panitza's possession, or else in ambiguous terms, the interpretation of which, however, presents no great difficulty. For instance, in one letter it is said that "Nicolaieff Jeodorovitch M. Hitrovo's Russian name) is doubtful of the quality of the weapon, and thinks it might possibly compromise the reputation of the firm," which may be read that Major Panitza is a dangerous tool, and that Russia may suffer from his indiscretion. Other letters speak of his (Jacobsen's) being dismissed by the First Secretary for irregularity of attendance, and of his being called by M. Hitrovo, who had said that the Government would not accept his resignation, but that he could continue to draw his pay and merely come to the Chancery when it suited him. He further relates at length how, after being expelled from Bulgaria, he had drawn up a long report on the situation and on the measures necessary and possible for re-establishing Russian authority, and how M. Hitrovo had drawn up another report based on his, which had been forwarded to St. Petersburg and received the approval of "Himself" (meaning the Czar).

Amongst the documents is a long and elaborate scheme for a Bulgarian revolution, in cipher for the most part. When this was shown to M. Kalubkoff he turned pale, and finally said that, since the Government had the key, it was no use denying that he had, in concert with Russia, worked for the overthrow of Bulgarian independence. He then read off the cipher himself, giving details too long to repeat, but which compromise a very large number of individuals. Since the arrests, letters continue to come from St. Petersburg to the Zankoffists in another cipher, which after four days, has been discovered by the Foreign Office here. They state that the arrest of Major Panitza was a great catastrophe, since everything was prepared for the *coup de main*; that messengers had arrived at St. Petersburg begging the Government to name a General to take over the Governorship of Bulgaria, and that the Czar had consented, and selected General Dumnatovitch, who had started for Bulgaria the day before the news came of the discovery of the conspiracy.

THE GERMANS IN EAST AFRICA.

DESPATCHES from Major Wissmann, at Zanzibar, have been received in Berlin, describing the capture of Bwana Heri's Arab stronghold, on the 4th of January. The German force numbered 500 men, and the Arabs who held a strongly fortified position, outnumbered them by three to one. Major Wissmann says :—"We soon came upon a large fortified camp which, however, the enemy abandoned as soon as our foremost company entered at the point of the bayonet, without firing a shot. Shortly afterwards I commenced shelling the visible portion of the village of Boma with four guns, but the fire of shrapnel from the maxim gun appeared to cause little damage to the enemy. From the sound of the Arab firing I concluded that their weapons were nearly all breechloaders, and with these they kept up a well-directed fire. After two hours' cannonade, during which I sent but a company to threaten the enemy's right flank, his fire appeared to grow weaker. I therefore despatched two more companies, in order, if the ground permitted, to endeavour to storm the position. The enemy's fire now became stronger and more effective. Sergeant Tanner was severely injured while loading a gun which I myself directed, his arm being completely torn off. He died the next day. The Soudanese now advanced with a cheer; with fixed bayonets, and a heavy rifle fire commenced in the woods, whereupon I also went to the front. But before I could reach the heights the fire from above ceased, the German flag was hoisted, and the place had been sucessfully stormed. The battle was the most obstinate that I have been engaged in since I came here. The enemy showed the greatest courage and endurance." Major Wissmann adds that the belief in the invincibility of Bwana Heri has now been destroyed, inasmuch as the position captured, called Miembale, was regarded as unassailable. Bwana Heri's losses were heavy. His son Abdallah was seriously wounded, and his principal officer lost his reason, and was placed in chains. According to latest accounts Bwana Heri had retired further inland.

THE ARMY ESTIMATES.

THE Army Estimates for the coming financial year have been issued. The total amount required is £17,717,800, being an increase of £389,768, as compared with the net increase of the year now closing. The increase due to policy and administration are :—Stores (magazine rifles and ammunition), £241,000; wages (ordnance store establishment), £14,000; additions to regimental numbers, including native battalion for Hong Kong for part of year, £13,000; general staff, instructional establishments, and miscellaneous services, £2,400; Army Reserve—training, £19,000; growth, £6,300; militia (extension of recruit drill), £10,000; volunteer corps (camp), £10,000; rewards to inventors, £9,400; interest on defence loan, £5,000; ordnance, store, and other buildings, £24,000. Decreases: Works and buildings; charges removed from Army Estimates, to be otherwise provided for, £88,000; increase in appropriations in aid: Colonial contributions £68,600; contributions of cadets at Royal Military Academy and College, £3 200.

Automatic Variation.—Increases: Wages (Ordnance Store Establishments, £2,000; supplies (rise in prices), £31,000; non-effective charges (officers), £93,800; deferred pay (net), £50,000; good conduct pay, £10,000; engineer pay (men), hitherto charged against loans for works, £4,800; general staff, instructional establishments, and miscellaneous services, £7,100; army reserve (training) and army reserve (growth) £6,300; ordnance, store and other buildings, £6,000; improved sanitation of barrack buildings, £14,000; reduction in appropriations in aid of contribution to Egyptian Government, £5,500; sale of lands and buildings, £8,200; purchase of discharges, £7,400. Decreases: Clothing, owing to partial completion of reserve stocks, £25,000; War Office superannuations, etc., £8,232; transport, £5,900; medical establishment, £3,700; yeomanry cavalry, £1,500.

THE SERVICES AT HOME.

INDIA OFFICE, March 7.

ARRIVALS REPORTED.

Mr C H Vowell, B C S	Capt W H Cazalet, B S C
Mr M A McGonaghey, B C S	Capt M J Gibbs, B S C
	Capt H H F Fagan, B S C
Mr W Hart, B C S	Capt H F Chesney, B R E
Col A G Handcock, B S C	Capt G Davidson, B R E
Major A J Brander, B S C	Capt W H D Rich, M S C
Major M K Martin, B S C	Brig-Surg A N Hojel, Bo.

GRANTED EXPENSION OF LEAVE.

Mr F L Edwards, Bo, 3 mos	Surg D F Dymott, M, 6 mos
Mr C G D Fordyce, B, 6 mos	Mr R W C Pinhey, Bo, 6 mos
Surg J G Jordon, Bo, 2 mos	Mr V O'Brien, B, 6 mos
Col A J Filgate, M R E, till 27-10-90	Lieut-Col J F Willoughby, Bo S C, 6 days.

PERMITTED TO RETURN TO DUTY.

Mr K D Lyall, B	Mr C A B Beatty, Bo
Lieut R P Horsbrugh, M S C	Mr H Corkery, Bo
	Mr W Church, Bo
Mr T Hart Davies, Bo C S	Col G E Hancock, Bo S C.

The Queen has approved of the following admissions to the Staff Corps made by the Governments in India :—

BENGAL STAFF CORPS.

To be Lieutenants—Lieut. S. M. Tighe, from the East Yorkshire Regt.; Lieut. F. Rennick, from the North Lancashire Regt.; Lieut. F. W. Hallowes, from the Border Regt.; Lieut. H. W. Fleming, from the Royal Sussex Regt.; Lieut. P. B. B. Foster, from the Middlesex Regt.; Lieut. H. I. M. Macandrew, from the Lincolnshire Regt.; Lieut. A. C. Hickley from the West Riding Regt.; Lieut A. C. H. Smithett, from the 1st Dragoon Guards; Sec. Lieut. H. W. Codrington, from the Liverpool Regt.; Sec. Lieut. G. R. de H. Smith, from the North Lancashire Regt.; Sec. Lieut. J. M. Wikeley, from the Royal Warwickshire Regt.; Sec. Lieut. T. S. Barton, from the 6th Dragoon Guards; Sec. Lieut A. P. Browne, from the 6th Dragoon Guards; Sec. Lieut. A. C. M. Waterrfield, from the 1st Dragoon Guards; Sec

INDIA IN PARLIAMENT.

THE INDIAN COUNCILS BILL.

In the House of Lords on Thursday, March 6, Viscount Cross said that, having stated the object of this Bill when he presented it, he would now simply move the second reading of it.

The Earl of Northbrook said that he was glad to be able to give the Bill his cordial support. The proposition to extend the Legislative Councils of India was not a new one. In this country and in India there had been an idea that the Government should take action, and in 1886 a joint committee of both Houses was appointed to consider what course should be adopted, but the proposal fell through in consequence of a change of Government. The subject was discussed in India by Lord Dufferin, and he (the Earl of Northbrook) did not think that the Bill before them could be said to be premature, nor that the proposals had not been most carefully examined. They had met the approval of two succeeding Viceroys, and they received, with few exceptions, the concurrence of local Governments. He agreed that it should not be competent for any member to follow up any question by a motion which would divide the Council. India was a long way from having representative government, and motions and divisions would have the effect of preventing the work of the Councils being carried out. In 1861, when the present law was passed, a great difficulty was experienced in finding natives for members of the Councils; but in 1872, when he was in India, he found a certain number of men who from their education and knowledge of England, and from their ability and position in life, were capable of rendering valuable assistance to the Government and still more to the local legislatures; and at this time there must be a great many among native gentlemen who were quite capable of giving their opinions upon questions to the Government. He would not assent that only those men who had passed examinations at the universities were valuable in giving assistance to the Government or in expressing opinions. He had read the speeches made at the National Congress, and he had been much struck by their moderation and ability, but he greatly regretted to observe in some of the publications circulated by the officials of the Congress statements couched in language which might be dangerous in India. The Bill gave larger powers to the local Governments. The main part of the work done by those bodies was in making proposals, in circulating the papers, and in obtaining opinions, and then in passing the laws. It would not be advantageous to have a Parliament in Calcutta in every year, and if they had one there it would not represent the whole of the people in India. He could not recommend that the plan which had been suggested should be followed. To elect representatives for the whole of India might lead to a serious political result. (Hear, hear.) A scheme based upon population could not be carried out in India. The wise course was to work upon the lines of the present law, and to strengthen the hands of the local legislatures. He regretted, however, that the Government had not been able to introduce a system by which some non-official members could be chosen by election or selection, and not left to mere nomination, as now existed. (Hear, hear.) He would like to see the opinion of the late and present Viceroys on that subject. He had seen it stated that Lord Dufferin was in favour of some such system of election, and he hoped that it might be possible for the Government to reconsider that portion of the Bill. (Hear, hear.) He had no hesitation in saying that it might be safely carried out, but in sanctioning a system of that kind they would have to consider the circumstances of each province, as each was essentially different from the others. What would do for Madras would not do for Calcutta, and what would satisfy Calcutta would not satisfy the North-West-Provinces. Still, he thought it might be possible to introduce a clause which would give authority to the Viceroy to bring about such a system, and he proposed to move an amendment to that effect in committee. (Hear, hear.)

The Marquess of Ripon proposed to confine his observations to the 1st clause, which increased the number of the nominated members. He hoped that the Government would give great weight to what his noble friend had stated in reference to a system of election or selection. Because, if all the new members were nominated that would be adding to the difficulties which now existed. (Hear, hear.) He himself, when in India, found great difficulty in nominating members who could represent the various classes of opinion. There were municipal institutions in India since 1861, and there were other bodies who might be able to nominate members to the Councils. But their lordships were discussing this Bill at some disadvantage, because they had not the opinions of the past and present Viceroys before them, and he discussed it on the assumption that Lord Dufferin was in favour of election to the Councils, and he would like the system to be introduced into the Governor-General's Council also. They should now, when dealing with this question, endeavour to pass a Bill which would have some degree of permanency. (Hear, hear.) He thought that the sooner this question was disposed of, and upon a sufficiently wide basis, the better, and it would be more conducive to the safety of our position in India. For these reasons he hoped that the 1st clause would be widened.

Viscount Cross thanked their lordships for the way in which they had received the Bill. Anyone who had anything to do with India knew what vast care was necessary in dealing with that country, as there were different manners and customs from one end of it to the other. Not only were there different races and creeds, but the state of the population, so far as education was concerned and other matters, was also very different. He was in great hope that education would be in a few years greatly improved. No man in his senses would say that Parliamentary institutions could be applied to India. (Hear, hear.) He thought there was a vast difference between the Supreme Council at Calcutta and the Local Councils. It must not be supposed that he had no wish to throw open the Government to the natives of India. The Government would be glad to avail themselves of their services, and they had made a great step in that direction, and this Bill was a further step forward, and along step, too, in widening the Councils, as they would be able to discuss the Budgets. The only complaint against the Bill was for something left out of it, and that was in regard to nominations, and not election or selection. The Government thought that this was not the time for selection, and the municipal and other bodies could not nominate members who could represent the ryots. He thought that the Viceroy could always consult any bodies he chose, and nominate the persons recommended to him. (Hear, hear.) Men should be selected for the purpose of assisting the Government and not to oppose it—(hear, hear)—and the Councils under the system proposed in the Bill would be able to secure all the assistance which they could get from all classes. (Hear, hear.)

The Earl of Kimberley did not for a moment oppose the Bill. He thought it wise to give the right of interpellation to members, but that was not a light matter, and it would have to be carefully guarded or it might lead to the harrassing of the Government. He also suggested that some of the members should be elected or selected, and he agreed that Parliamentary government would not do for India, so widely different in population and races and creeds. (Hear, hear.) No one could possibly represent the ryots, but if the Government could go as far as had been suggested by his noble friends, he thought it would be a wise course to take. (Hear, hear.)

The Marquess of Salisbury: It appears to me that the noble Earl who has just sat down and those who spoke before him did not estimate at its right value the intense gravity of the question they have raised. They did not seem to me to recognise how deep a responsibility must lie upon any Government or any Parliament which introduces the elective principle as an effective agent in the government of India. It is the introduction of a new principle which forms the greatest responsibility any Government can have to face. The elective principle—government by representation—is not an Eastern idea; it does not fit Eastern traditions or Eastern minds. We have seen some efforts to introduce it on that fringe of oriental population with which we have some acquaintance in India. We know that efforts have been made to introduce it into Turkey, and I believe into Egypt, without having produced any palpable result whatever. An effort has been made to introduce it into Crete; there, I fear, it cannot be regarded as a medium for producing peace and good government. The difficulty of introducing the elective principle, largely dependent upon the peculiarities of Eastern minds, is also to a great extent, as the noble lord pointed out, due to the fact that we have to deal with a deeply-divided population. Representative government answers admirably so long as all those represented desire much the same thing and have interests tolerably analogous, but it is put to a terrible strain when the represented community is divided into two portions, of which one portion is bitterly hostile to the other. We know how the Mahomedan and Hindoo population stand face to face with each other; in representative government we do not know how they would view each other, but we know, at all events, that one of the heaviest duties and the severest responsibilities of the Government of India is to prevent the outbreak of the difficulties which are caused by the profound differences between those two communities—differences in race, traditions, history, and creed. These are some among the difficulties; and there is another difficulty which was not taken notice of by the noble lord opposite, but which was pointedly referred to by my noble friend the Secretary of State for India, and that is, that if you want to have an elective principle of government, the first thing you have to find before you advance a single step upon your journey is a constituency, and a constituency is what at present we are entirely without. We have been offered as a constituency for the representation of the warlike races of the Punjab the aristocratic people of Rajpootana, and for the vast population of the ryots spread over the whole of India, a body elected only for the purpose of making streets. Without casting the least imputation or slur upon their patriotism or their capacity, I do not think that those urban representatives are, by their education or preparation or the life they have passed through, fitted for the function of forming the constituency that should represent those vast interests which we have undertaken to represent. All I wish to say is this—that you must make up your mind on the constituency that is to surmount the tremendous difficulties which the elective principle would have wherever it became an efficient force in India; you must make up your mind on that constituency before you attempt to give legislative sanction to that principle. What appeared to me to be most alarming in the reasoning of the noble lords opposite was the notion that they could stumble and slip into this great change, and that no harm would come to them if they had not taken count beforehand where their steps were to be placed or in what direction their journey was to be taken. You must not drift into an elective government of India. You must make up your mind how you are to frame your constituencies, how those vast interests are to be represented, before you consign yourselves to the care, charge, and government of the most powerful principle that affects political communities. Do not imagine that you can introduce it in small doses and that you will satisfy by that concession. At least, we know of this elective principle from our experience in Europe that wherever it has made for itself a small channel, it has been able to widen and widen the channel gradually until it has carried all before it, and that is the danger of any action you may take in India. I hope we shall not imagine that when once we have consigned ourselves to this principle we can retrace our steps or take away the powers that we have given, or that we can undo the result of any mistake we make. I therefore earnestly urge on the House not to make so great a change without the most careful and circumspect examination of all the difficulties and dangers which surround it; not to slip into this great innovation as it were accidentally. If we are to do it, if it has to be done, let us do it consistently, counting the cost, examining all the details, and taking care that the machinery to be provided shall effect the purpose of giving representation not to accidentally constituted bodies, nor to small sections of the people here and there, but to the living strength and vital force of the whole community of India. (Cheers.)

Earl Granville thought that the arguments of the noble marquess had been pitched a little too high. All that had been contended was that greater discretion should be given to the Viceroy and the Lieutenant-Governors. He thought, too, that they ought to have all the papers before them.

After a few words from Lord Stanley of Alderlee the Bill was read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House.

THE DELHI-KALKA RAILWAY.

In the House of Commons on Feb. 28th, Sir J. Gorst informed Sir G. Campbell that papers containing the contract with the Delhi-Kalka Railway Company were presented to Parliament on May 28, 1889.

COOLIES IN THE TEA GARDENS OF ASSAM.

In reply to Mr. S. Smith and Sir G. Campbell, on the 3rd inst., as to the condition and treatment of coolies employed in the Assam tea gardens, Sir J. Gorst said that questions on the condition of the coolies in the Assam tea gardens were frequently asked in that House. They were based on facts picked out of the official reports for many years past. They were suggested to hon. members either with the object of procuring the substitution of a system of free recruiting for the safeguards of the Act of 1882, or with that of stopping migration from Bengal to Assam. They gave a most incorrect impression of the general condition of the coolies. The attention of the Government of India had been drawn to the rate of mortality among the coolies, and the subject had engaged their most anxious attention for many years. Complaints had been made that the provision in favour of free recruiting and free labour had been evaded; they had been carefully investigated by the Chief Commissioner of Assam, and reported by him to be greatly exaggerated. He had repeatedly stated to the House that the Government of India had been for some time engaged, under the directions of the Secretary of State, in making the most careful investigation into the condition of the coolies in the Assam tea gardens and the working of the Act of 1882, with especial reference to the question whether that Act should be continued any longer. As to the general condition of the coolies, he read a long extract from an Indian newspapar, containing the evidence of "an entirely impartial witness," the Rev. Isaac Row, secretary to the Anglo-Indian Evangelisation Society, who stated that he was "quite sure that there are hundreds of starving poor in England to-day who would be most thankful if they could only be as well fed and as well housed as are the great bulk of the people employed in the tea gardens of Upper Assam." (Hear, hear.) In answer to a further question from Sir G. Campbell, Sir J. Gorst said the statement as to the labourers compulsorily employed having suffered terrible mortality for two or three years past was entirely based on misrepresentation.

THE SHAN STATES.

The same day Sir J. Fergusson, in answer to a question from Mr. Bryce regarding the delimitation of the respective Protectorates of this country and of the Chinese Empire in the Shan States, under the provisions of the Treaty of 1886, between her Majesty and the Sovereign of China, said no steps had yet been taken to demarcate the frontier between China and Burma, but surveys were being made by the two Governments concerned of the frontiers of Siam and Burma.

THE HARRAR EXPEDITION.

Sir G. Campbell then asked the Under-Secretary of State for India whether the Indian Government had occupied any part of Africa on the coast opposite to Aden, or sent any troops there on its own account or on account of the British or Egyptian Governments; and whether, as reported in the newspapers, a small force of Indian soldiers were lately engaged in some expedition into the Harrar country and suffered considerable loss on their return; and if so, what was the object of the expedition. Sir J. Gorst: Small detachments of troops from the garrison at Aden occupy the ports of Zeyla, Bulhar, and Berbera, on the Somali coast. The object of the expedition was to punish the authors of a raid upon Bulhar in August last, in which 100 persons were killed.

EXCISE ADMINISTRATION IN INDIA.

On Tuesday, March 4, Mr. Caine asked the Under-Secretary of State for India whether he had yet received the reply of the Indian Government to the despatch of the Secretary of State for India, "Revenue No. 52, Excise Administration, resolution of the House of Commons," dated May 16, 1889; when it would be laid upon the table of the House, and whether it would be circulated to members. Sir J. Gorst: The despatch has just been received, and if the hon. member moves for it, it will be laid upon the table.

THE VOLUNTEER FORCE OF INDIA.

Mr. Caine asked the Under-Secretary of State for India whether the Secretary of State for India was aware that, while admission to the Volunteer force of India was refused to the inhabitants of that country as such, Indian Christians were permitted to become members of these organisations; and whether, if he found the facts were as stated above, the Secretary of State would give instructions to the Government of India to remove a disqualification which depended solely upon the profession of a particular religion and make it possible for any Indians who might desire to do so to join the Volunteer forces of the country. Sir J. Gorst: There is no such exception in favour of Christians; all natives of India are alike eligible for admission to Volunteer corps.

THE RIOT AT ROHTAK.

Mr. Bradlaugh asked the Under-Secretary of State for India whether he would lay upon the table the papers relating to certain disturbances and rioting in Rohtak, in the Punjab, in August and September last, and the reports of the trial of certain persons accused in connection therewith, and of the appeal and judgment thereon. Sir J. Gorst: The Secretary of State has no papers relating to the riot at Rohtak. The persons implicated were dealt with by the ordinary tribunals, and no reports of trials and judgments would in the ordinary course be sent to the India Office.

SIR EDWARD BUCK left Calcutta on Wednesday morning by the P. and O. Bengal, for Europe, having made over charge to Mr. Muir Mackenzie, Under-Secretary, who will officiate as Secretary while the Government is at Calcutta. Mr. Bennett is on special duty at Dehra, where a committee is assembled to consider the reorganization of the Forest School, and will assume charge of the Secretariat on the 1st of April at Simla.

THE BERLIN LABOUR CONFERENCE.

THE text of the invitation to the International Conference on the Labour Question, together with the programme to be laid before the representatives of the Powers, has been published in the Berlin official gazette. The invitation, which is to be presented by the German Ambassadors at London, Paris, Rome, and Vienna, and the Ministers Resident at Berne, Brussels, the Hague, Copenhagen, and Stockholm, is in the following terms:—

On the command of his Government and with reference to his oral communication, the undersigned has the honour to inform your Excellency that his Majesty the Emperor proposes that at a Conference of the representatives of the Governments which are interested in the lot of factory operatives and miners should be held, in order that they may deliberate on the questions of international interest, the list of which is hereto annexed. As these questions are outside the range of politics, it seems meet that they should, in the first instance, be submitted to the consideration of experts. In order to lighten the deliberation of the Conference, the Imperial Government has drawn up a programme, the text of which is annexed to this Note. The undersigned begs your Excellency to inform him if your Government is inclined to take part in the proposed Conference which will assemble in Berlin on the 15th of March.

The following is the text of the programme submitted to the Conference:—

I.—The regulation of work in mines, with the subsidiary questions:—(*a*) Whether underground employment should be prohibited in the case of children under a certain age and females? (*b*) Whether a restriction of the duration of the shifts should be prescribed for mines in which work is particularly dangerous to health? and (*c*) Whether it is possible to subject work in mines to international regulations in order to assure the regularity of the output of coal?

II.—The regulation of Sunday labour, with the subsidiary questions:—(*a*) Whether work should be prohibited on Sunday, except in case of need, and, if so, which exceptions may be allowed? and (*b*) Whether these exceptions should be determined by international agreement, by law, or by administrative measures?

III.—The regulation of children's labour, with the subsidiary questions:—(*a*) Whether children up to a certain age should be excluded from industrial work, and, if so, in what manner the age up to which such exclusion should take place is to be determined? and (*b*) Whether the age is to be the same or different in the various branches of industry, and what restrictions should be imposed upon the time and kind of employment for children?

IV.—The regulation of work for youths, with the questions:—(*a*) Whether the work of young people who have passed the age of childhood should be restricted, and, if so, up to what age? and (*b*) What restrictions should be prescribed, and whether deviations from the general rule are to be allowed for some branches of industry?

V.—The regulation of female labour, with the questions:—(*a*) Whether the work of married women should be restricted by day or by night? (*b*) Whether the work of all females should be restricted and what restrictions would be advisable? and (*c*) Whether exceptions should be provided for in the case of individual branches of industry, and, if so, for which?

VI.—The carrying out of the rules adopted by the Conference, with the questions:—(*a*) Whether regulations should be laid down for the execution of the stipulations to be agreed upon, and as to the superintendence of the same? and (*b*) Whether the representatives of the Governments interested should hold further conferences, and what questions are to be laid before them?

The third and last sitting of the departments of the Council of State charged with the study of the labour question was closed by the German Emperor on Friday evening, 28th ult. His Majesty after having thanked the members of the Council, the specialists, and the reporters, added the following words:—"I beg you, gentlemen, to combat in public the opinion that we are assembled here to find the secret for curing all misery and social ills. We have together loyally sought for such means as will lead to the amelioration of many things, and also for such measures as may conduce to the protection of the workman. I hope that much good may result from your deliberations." On Saturday evening the Emperor entertained the members of the Council to dinner in the Royal Palace. The Empress, Prince Bismarck, and the Prussian Ministers were among those present.

THE EMPEROR WILLIAM ON HIS POLICY.

THE Emperor was on Wednesday evening (5th instant) present at the dinner given in the Kaiserhof to the members of the Brandenburg Provincial Diet, and made a speech in which he dwelt upon the close alliance existing between the Brandenburgers and the Hohenzollerns. He praised the fidelity and loyalty of the Brandenburgers, which had been particularly tried in the evil times which fell upon Prussia at the beginning of this century. The Brandenburgers had, he said, stood by his House both in troubled and in joyous days, and it was in the hour of need that one learned to know his true friends. His Majesty went on to say that he had been reproached with travelling about too much; but he recommended all people to travel, and they would then learn to judge men and things in a calmer and cooler manner. "I have seen," proceeded the Emperor, "the starry firmament at night on the high seas, and I came to very different thoughts. I have learned to judge of politics from the outside, and overhasty steps have thereby been prevented." Then he pointed out that working was always the programme of the Hohenzollerns. He reminded his hearers of the Great Elector, of Frederick the Great, and of his grandfather. The Great Elector had founded the Prussian Navy and promoted commerce. Frederick the Great had increased his kingdom and organized a strong army. His successors, and especially the Emperor William, had continued in these endeavours and this work. The Emperor continued: "I shall follow the traditions of my grandfather, who marked out for me the path on which I intend to walk. To him who is with me I am grateful, and he who is against me, with him I shall know how to cope. If we should be attacked, a great and gallant army will stand by my side." According to another version, which is, however, stated to be incorrect, the Emperor is said to have used a much stronger expression—namely, that he would "crush everybody who would dare to prevent him." The Emperor concluded his speech with a Hoch for the Province of Brandenburg. His Majesty remained with the Company for three hours and a quarter, and over the coffee and cigars conversed in the gayest mood and with the most unaffected cordiality with many of the guests.

IT is well known that the interval between the bite of a mad dog and the first symptoms of hydrophobia—technically called the "period of incubation"—is of uncertain duration, generally lasting a week or two, but sometimes extending over months. It is highly doubtful whether there are any instances of its spreading over thirty years, as in a well-authenticated case reported from Liubartoff, in Russia, where a wealthy house-owner, Stanislaus Litsevitch, who was severely bitten by a mad dog thirty years ago, when he was but ten years old, died a few days ago, aged forty, of hydrophobia after frightful torments, during which he retained perfect consciousness. The case is creating considerable sensation in medical circles.

THE official Central Statistical Bureau for Norway has published a life-table for that country based upon mortality statistics of the ten years 1871-80. This life-table shows that the death-rates that prevailed during those ten years implied a mean duration of life, or expectation of life at birth, equal to 48·33 years for males, and 51·30 years for females. The English life-table, based upon the mortality statistics of the ten years 1871-80, gives a mean duration of life of 41·35 years for males, and 44·62 for females. Thus the expectation of life at birth of a male infant born in Norway is greater by 6·98 years than that of one born in England, and of a Norwegian female infant greater by 6·68 years. The only period of life at which it appears, by comparison of these life-tables, that the vitality of the English population is greater than that of the Norwegian population, is that between the ages of five and twenty-five years, when the English rates of mortality are decidedly lower than the rates in Norway. It would be interesting to compare the mortality from the various classes of diseases in Norway with the view to throw light upon the causes which contribute most largely to the marked excess of mortality in England and Wales compared with that in Norway.

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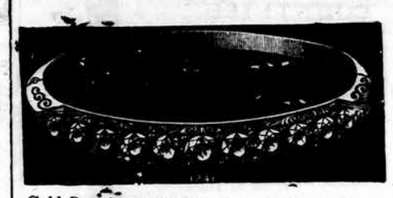

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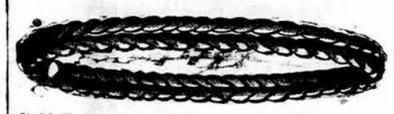

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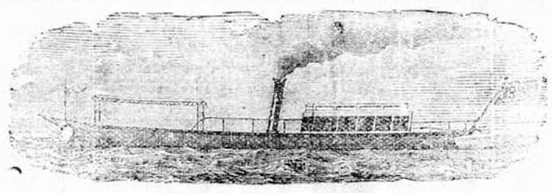

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